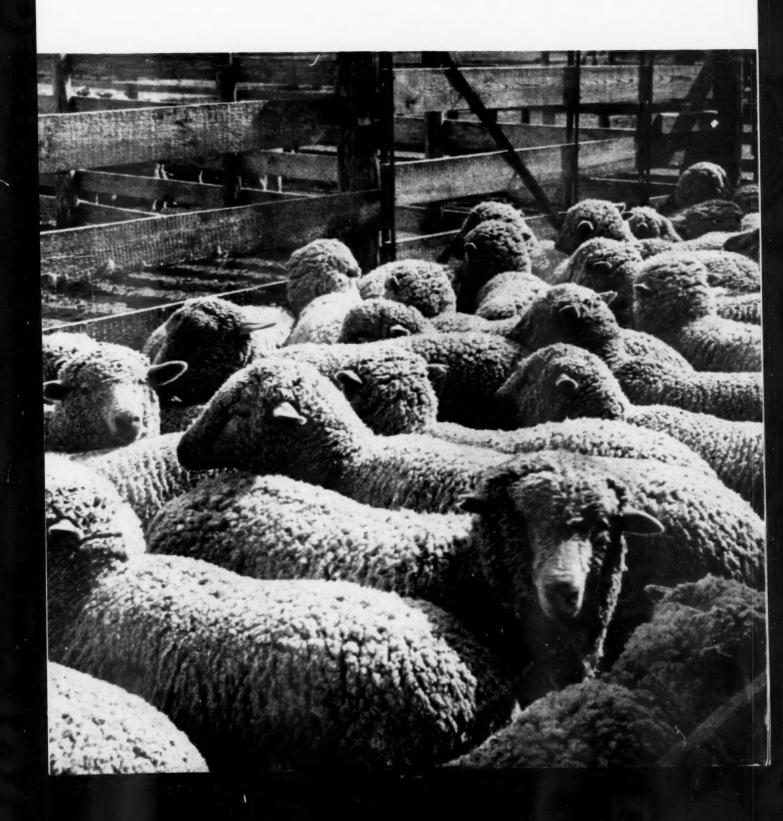
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This caused a little more interest by the ranchers — especially one and this was Dick Alexander of Blanket, Texas, who picked up the torch and began carrying it. Dick Alexander, Ernest Williams and I went to Washington, D. C., in late May. It looked like things (grading) was about to be corrected — but it broke loose again.

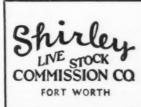
Your TSGRA association president, John Williams, and the secretary. Ernest Williams, met with about 10 other sheep and wool association representatives in South Dakota in late June – this was a wool meeting, but John and Ernest brought up the subject of grading – a committee was appointed – they contacted and worked with the American Meat Institute. In the meantime Dick Alexander had teamed up with another ranch man, Earl Byrd, of Coleman – these 2 ranchers and myself worked several days in preparing facts and figures and other data, then Dick and Earl headed for Washington, took along enough clothes to stay long enough to get the job done – it took 2 weeks up there, but they got a good job done.

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"The farmers and ranchmen are getting rich," is simply not true. This is the baseless charge that the OPS bureau has scattered far and wide for no reason than to maintain its existence as a parasite of the American taxpaver's dollar.

Look at the facts. If facts are facts, then the false and most malicious charges of OPS should condemn it

and its sponsors into political oblivion. When any political subdivision, formed to serve the people, through widespread false propaganda sets one segment of the public against another, then condemnation of that bureau and its proponents cannot be too severe nor dissolution too quick.

Here are the facts: The net income in terms of purchasing power for the farmer in 1950 was 23% lower than in 1947 - and lower than in any vear from 1942 to 1948.

The United States Senate's Committee on Agriculture has a current staff report which contradicts any OPS claims that farmers-ranchers are responsible for high food prices and are profiteering at the expense of the consumers. This report reveals unmistakably that farmers are getting less net per dollar of sales even though retail prices remain relatively high.

"That farmers are benefitting at the expense of the consumer is contrary to actual fact." This is the committee's statement.

The falsification of OPS has done uncalculable damage to this country. It stands indicted as an organization without merit, honesty, or reason for existence, and the sooner the country is shed of it, the better off this country will be.

The above editorial needs little, if any, additional points to prove the claim that the farmers and ranchmen are not profiteering on the poor con-sumer. What an hour of work will buy in food and clothing, shelter and amusement, is probably the best way to compare relative well-being on the part of the city dweller and that of the man of agriculture.

The Senate's Committee on Agriculture reveals that it takes less hours of labor to purchase food than in any other remembered peace-time period! Today's average worker in manufacturing can buy more of all important foods at retail prices, with an hour's labor, than in any peace time period such as 1947-48, 1935-39, and 1925-

People of agriculture have been caught in a squeeze of higher costs and decreasing income. Production expenses in 1951 were 12% higher than in 1950; in February, 1952, for instance, prices received by farmers were 8% lower than in 1951.

But the purchasing power of an hour's wages of industrial workers has increased - that of all farmers, the owner, the operator, the hired hand - has declined.

The wage earner in the city today can buy 29% more pork chops with an hour's wages than was possible in 1947-48; he can buy 47% more eggs, 28% more oranges, 81% more lard and so forth, than he could four or five years ago. These facts and the OPS allegation that farmers are prospering at the expense of the city folks is ridiculous and false.

#### FERTILITY OF RAMS

MANY FACTORS enter into the picture when the fertility of rams is studied. Heritability, feeding, injury and care all have a place in the study. Another factor seldom considered is temperature. Extremely high temperature has proved to cause sterility in the rams and some growers are predicting that because of the heat of this summer, early lamb production may be affected, and that some good rams may suffer permanent sterility from the heat. Too much wool on the ram and on the scrotum tends to aggravate the situation.

#### WANTA BET?

RANCHMAN around Rockspring has been offering to bet \$50 that it won't rain again and so far as I know his bet hasn't been called. Heard one ranchman say that it had been trying to stop raining in West Texas for fifty-five years, he knows, and that it looks like it has finally succeeded.

## EVEN THE SMALLEST PAYS

ONE OF the Angora goat breeders using the Breeder Directory informs the magazine that he received an order recently for 18 head of Angora bucks at \$100 per head, plus delivery charges. The Directory ad is the cheapest possible to buy anywhere and more than one instance has come in where even the smallest has sold thousands of dollars of livestock. Yes, advertising in the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER pays - big ads or little ones!



"Say, Pop! I painted the milk stool

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# EDITORIAL

# TEXAS-LED FIGHT

# Nation's Sheepmen To Profit By Yearling, Mutton Decontrol

A GREAT battle for the individual sheepman, the packer and the feeder has been won, against odds comparable to the impregnability of the Maginot Line. Like that famous fortification, the Government battlelines were not long enough, and common sense ran a pincer movement around both extremities. Government know-how in the sheep industry has proved time and time again that it is far short when it come to practical application and intimate know-ledge of range problems.

The Office of Price Stabilization is removing the ceiling price on yearlings and muttons. This will result in the elimination of compulsors consultation. The OPS ceiling prices on wholesale lamb carcasses will remain in effect, but are high enough not to present a problem.

This return to the old method of classification should give confidence and relief to the grower, the man who winters lambs, to the feeder that finishes the job and to the packers who process them. This is concrete results that have come from the fight that was launched last spring against the discriminatory grading and classification of the old crop lambs and vearlings.

The first burst of glory goes - and rightly - to Dick Alexander, Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser director of Blanket, Texas and to Earl Byrd of Coleman who went to Washington prepared to camp on the capitol lawn until something was done to re-lieve the deplorable lamb situation brought about by unfounded restrictions of the OPS. Dick Alexander went three times to the nation's capitol to work on this particular problem. The last time, he went with little encouragement from many in his own industry. But, he took the advice of the famous fighter Jim Corbett, who said in effect, when you have fought as hard as you can with-out avail "FIGHT – ONE MORE ROUND." That what Dick Alexander did - and won!

However, under every accomplishment is foundation that has been laid by others – this is no exception. Clint Shirley, Fort Worth commission man, "struck the match" in February when, in a press interview, he aired the causes of the depressed sheep and lamb markets. A principal reason was listed as compulsory Government grading. He followed this by a talk at the March meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association directors.

Then, the ranchmen themselves began to realize what was happening to them. Soon Dick Alexander, Clint Shirley and TS&GRA secretary Ernest Williams, went to Washington for a conference with USDA officials, and it looked for a time as if the grading was about to be rectified. But, as the pressure from other parts of the country eased up and the Texans took a breather — the OPS bore down again.

Late in June, at an executive meeting of the National Wool Growers Association in South Dakota, the TS&GRA president and secretary met with representatives of other states who were suffering grading problems. In mid-August, Dick Alexander and

In mid-August, Dick Alexander and Earl Byrd took the bull by the horns, gathered data with the help of Clint Shirley to back up their argument, and headed for their camping trip to Washington. It took two weeks, but they got the job done.

During the time they were there, they reported almost nightly on their progress to Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association secretary Williams. He in turn called Casey Jones, secretary of the National Wool Growers, who got bulletins out to the National Lamb Feeders Association, the various state sheep growing associations and to the senators of these states. Pressure from each of these groups was applied on Washington. It took two weeks, but exactly backing up the data being presented by the Texas campers.

A quote from Clint Shirlev's ad in this issue sums up the credit distribution: "mainly to Dick and Earl; to Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth: to Bill Pier of the Stockyards Company; to Ted Gouldy and other members of the livestock press; to TS&GRA president and secretary, John and Ernest

Williams: to Casey Jones, secretary of the National Wool Growers; to the representatives of eight or ten producers and freeder associations of the Central. Northwest and Western states: to their senators and to our Texas senator, Lyndon B. Johnson and his secretary, Walter Jenkins, who arranged the grower meetings with OPS officials and gave their untiring efforts." — And to Clint, the lamp lighter.

Yearling and mutton grading will be on a voluntary and not a compulsory basis. It will be back to the way it was done before OPS, a way which has proved satisfactory over a period of about 40 years. As Ted Gouldy said in the Fort Worth Livestock Reporter of August 28, "this elimination of classification should put new life into the stocker lamb market on that segment of the industry that usually buys and winters lambs for fattening and sales in the spring next year.

"This also should make Texas feeder lambs look a lot more attractive to Northern feeders in the coming season, since they will not have the drastic down-grading of the past season threatening them."

Wallace Johnston, a Fort Worth buyer, said in San Angelo, August 30, that "the elimination of this restriction will mean about \$4 or \$5 a hundred to the feeder who has lambs on feed now. It may mean even more in the future. Heretofore, he has been taking a loss."

But this is not just a Texas celebration — multiply this joy by the number of sheepmen in the United States.

"Hats Off" to this honor roll of men and organizations who still work for an individual's right to raise and market his livestock as nature and experience has proved is best for all concerned. When more men — like Dick Alexander — decide that their voice 4S important and take a more active interest in the affairs of their government as it affects them, this will be a vastly improved nation, governed again by private enterprize, supply and demand and such laws as are needed to enforce common sense.



#### NOELKE BUYS POLLED RAMBOUILLET PEN

H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, is shown with one of the top pens of Rambouillet rams which he purchased at the recent National Ram Sale at Salt Lake City. The polled rams were bred by the Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, which has been concentrating on the development of big Rambouillets with uniform fleeces and open faces.

# INFORMATION FOR TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS

Many readers of this magazine are not members, but should be!

# Join The Association

The payment of 25 cents per bag on wool and mohair as sold each year makes you a voting member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Inc. Ask your warehousemn to deduct dues from the sale of your clip through the use of the form below or send them direct to the Association by personal check.

Your annual dues are used for:

- 1. Maintenance of a state organization for the betterment and protection of growers' interests - your interests
- 2. Representation of Texas growers before state and National legislation and government agencies on matters affecting the industry.
- 3. Membership in the National Wool Growers Association for representation in National affairs.
- 5. Close cooperation with Texas Rangers on livestock theft.
- 6. Year's subscription to Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine.

The strength of any representative organization is entirely dependent on the support given it and the number of persons or the components it is authorized to represent. The more members the Association has, the wider can be its scope of representation, and the more effective will be its endeavors.

Fill in the form below, cut it out and mail it now to:
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association,
Cactus Annex, San Angelo, Texas
Date
To the President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Assn.:
This is authority for
to deduct 25 cents per bag each year until further notice from
the sale of my wool and/or mohair for membership in the Texa
Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, except that if I have one two or three bags, \$1.00 will be deducted.
I am to receive one year's subscription to the Sheep and
Goat Raiser Magazine with each year's dues, of which 50c ar
nually is used for this purpose.
Signed

# FROM THE ASSOCIATION **OFFICE**

THE MEXICAN National labor O.P.S. DECONTROLS problem which looked so promising immediately following the Sonora meeting of August 2, during which time ranchmen were assured by Labor Undersecretary Galvin of sufficient labor, has died down again.

The Monterrey Reception Center was closed about August 15 by order of the Governor of the state, according to reports received in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association office. Mexico plans to move the Reception Center, through which all new men must move before being sent to the border processing centers. to Durango.

Reports to the Association office from Washington are that the United States did not agree to this change and is insisting that it remain in Monterrev.

In the meantime contracts for old employees are being extended but contracting for new men is at a standstill.

# WOOL BUREAU **ACTIVITIES REPORT** JULY, 1952

The Wool Bureau handles promotion of wool and mohair for the United States as well as Australian, New Zealand and South African growers. Five cents is set aside out of each 25c per bag dues for promotion funds by Texas growers. Most of this 5c goes to the American Wool Council which helps support the Wool Bureau. The balance of the 5c is kept in Texas for local promotion.

The following paragraphs were taken from the Wool Bureau's Activities Report for July, 1952

Discussions With Motion Picture Companies

"During July, members of the Bu-reau's staff held discussions with officials of several large motion picture companies, as a preliminary step in outlining a motion picture on wool for distribution to theaters, television stations, civic organizations, schools and colleges in the United States.

"Television Showings of Wool Films

"During the month, requests were received from 20 television stations across the nation for films from The Wool Bureau's library. Schedulings have been made at these stations for seven films provided by the I.W.S. and the Australian and South African Wool Boards. An estimated audience in excess of 15 million persons will see these films during the coming months.

## SWEETWATER MEETING

Sweetwater is planning a friendly reception for the fourth quarterly directors' meeting to be held at the Blue Bonnet Hotel Saturday, September 13. Requests for room reservations should be sent to A. G. Bishop, Sweetwater Board of City Develop-

President Williams invites all directors and wives and other interested persons to be at the meeting.

# YEARLINGS, MUTTONS

The following telegram to TS&-GRA President John T. Williams was received August 27:

Pleased to report O.P.S. will soon take action to suspend ceiling prices on yearling and mutton while retaining the present ceilings on lamb. Understand this will result in the elimination of compulsory classification. This should go far toward solving problems about which you recently contacted me.

> Lyndon B. Johnson U. S. Senate.

This announcement followed ten days of intensive work in Washington by Dick Alexander, Comanche, and Earl Byrd, Coleman, representing the TS&GRA, and Walter Jenkins, Administrative Assistant to Senator Johnson. They had a number of conferences with O.P.S. staff members and met with Ellis G. Arnall, Adminstrator of the Office of Price Administration, on two different occasions.

It is felt that elimination of compulsory carcass classification on yearlings and muttons will do much to eliminate the confusion that existed this past spring when old lamb crops from ranges and feed lots were marketed, and it is hoped that it will bring spring lamb and old crop lamb prices closer together.

Jenkins said in a telephone call to the Association office that the O. P. S. suspension order had been signed by Administrator Arnall but that it would be several days before it would be printed in the Federal Register and thereby become official.

# COUNTERVAILING **DUTIES**

A letter requesting that he impose countervailing duties on imports of grease wool and tops has been mailed to the Hon. John W. Snyder, Secretary of the treasury

The TS&GRA joined officers of the National Wool Growers Association and members of the Boston Trade and National Association of Wool Manufacturers in calling on the Treasury Secretary to impose these duties on imports of grease wool and tops from Argentina and Uruguay in addition to regular duties to countervale the advantages those countries enjoy by virtue of currency manipulations by their governments.

It is maintained that the Secretary of the Treasury is required by law to impose countervailing duties under such conditions. So far the Secretary has refused to find that those countries are manipulating their currencies.

## REGISTRATION FEE

One item to be settled at the Sweetwater meeting is the plan for adoption of a registration fee for all future conventions. If adopted, it will be first put into effect at the annual convention to be held in San Angelo November 10-12.

## GENERAL PROGRAM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Music—Jack Free and his Orchestra
Courtesy of Sweetwater Production Credit Assn.
12:30-1:30 A.M.....Predawn Breakfast

Blue Bonnet Coffee Shop Courtesy of National Bank of Sweetwater and Texas Bank and Trust Company

## DIRECTORS' PROGRAM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Courtesy Sweetwater Cottonoil Co. (Meal Served at the Plant)

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROGRAM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

811 Josephine Street
10:30 A. M......Auxiliary Meeting
Rose Room, Blue Bonnet Hotel

Courtesy Sweetwater Cottonoil Co. (Meal Served at the Plant) LOCATED ON T-P AND U. S. 80

# Sweetwater Again Host To TS&GRA Directors

IT HAS been eleven years — March, 1941, to be exact — since the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Directors have met in Sweetwater.

Sweetwater, county seat of Nolan County, is now a city of 13,619 inhabitants. A rail center of the Texas and Pacific, Sweetwater also has a choice spot on U. S. 80, the only coast-to-coast highway in the United States.

Unlike most West and Central Texas towns, livestock is not the main industry. At least a third of Sweetwater's population is engaged in manufacturing. The Lone Star Cement Co. has a factory there, as well as the Sweetwater Cottonoil Co., three packing plants and a gypsum plant. Between 60 and 70 carloads of gypsum products go out of Sweetwater daily.

The livestock situation in Nolan County is not as acute as the country farther to the south and west. While in a drouth condition also, the country is about as dry now as the West Texas area was a year ago. On the edge of the drouth, Nolan is also on the edge of the sheep country.

To date sheep numbers have been reduced about ten per cent and will

continue to move unless there is some rain. Estimates are just under 73,000 head of stock sheep left in the county, according to M. B. Templeton, county agent. Most of the sheep are in the southern part of the county.

Nolan County is primarily a cattle country and in normal times runs about 25,000 head of cattle. At the rate the cattle are moving out, there will be about 10,000 head remaining by the first of September. The range is deteriorating rapidly.

Some 25,000 goats get their sustenance from Nolan County brush and browse. Goat numbers are not noticeably down as yet.

Eighty per cent of the county (423,-000 acres) is rangeland, and 153,000 acres are in cultivation. The main crops are cotton and grain sorghums. There are some 1,040 ranch and farm units in the county.

Got a bulletin through the mail "The Home Lawn" and idly opened it. The first sentence I read said "The lawn should be thoroughly soaked to a depth of six inches or more." That was enough. There isn't that much water in West Texas.

# NOLAN COUNTY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXTEND A HEARTY -



# SWEETWATER WELCOME

to

Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Directors and Wives -- Quarterly Meeting September 12-13

# NATIONAL BANK of SWEETWATER

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

# The TEXAS BANK & TRUST CO.

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# SWEETWATER PRODUCTION CREDIT ASS'N

# Welcome sheep and goat raisers



TO YOUR
CONVENTION
HEADQUARTERS

Directors' Meeting September 12-13

# BLUE BONNET HOTEL

SWEETWATER, TEXAS

MAINTAIN YOUR ASSOCIATION—SUPPORT PROMOTION

# City of Sweetwater Named By Texas Rangers

WHEN THE town of Sweetwater on April 21, 1881, was declared by the commissioners' court to be the permanent county seat of Nolan County, there was not a building on the site constructed of wood, rock or brick. There were a few tents and N. I. Dulaney had opened a store in a tent south of the T&P depot.

Before settlers came to the present townsite the place had been known as "Sweetwater." In 1874, the Texas Rangers came through chasing wild Indians who had been raiding adjacent counties. They came to a creek, the name of which they did not know, so they called it "Sweetwater" because of its sweetish taste. The town got its name from the creek. Today Sweetwater Lake is fed by Sweetwater

Creek, and also by Bitter Creek. After Nolan County was created in 1876, cowboys and buffalo hunters and some of their families camped along the river banks of those creeks.

It is believed that between 1600 and 1700 Indians had hunting camps in the Sweetwater area. A little later history included the Butterfield Mail Stage Route, which cut across the corner of Nolan County in 1858. In 1860, Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee was in charge of a contingent of soldiers who were hunting Indians in the Sweetwater area.

The first train for any kind of service reached Sweetwater in April, 1881. The first house built of lumber in the town was constructed by R. West Starr for a saloon. This was probably erected between July and September of the same year.

September of the same year.
The beginning of 1883 found about 350 or 400 people in Sweetwater.
This number had been increased by 25 to 40 young men coming to town from cow ranches to enjoy social life for a season.

Sweetwater at one time was one of the largest wool markets in the west. T. W. Scollard of Dallas had an oftice with Fritz and Son and bought a large part of the wool as far south as San Angelo and more than a hundred miles north.

Hightower and Midget from near Ballinger, R. K. Wiley from the Colorado River, and a great many closer in like John Scharbauer and Bradford, E. H. Naper, Jim Fields and Johnson and T. W. Stoneroad were the owners of some noted flocks. Stoneroad had an exceptionally well-bred flock of about 5,000 French Merino sheep which he had recently driven across country from Las Vegas, N. M. They were the talk of the country. A flock owned by John R. Lewis as well as that owned by Wiggins and Foster deserve special mention. While Fritz and Son handled a great deal of the wool, J. Taylor Bradley built and operated successfully a large warehouse for storage.

Some of the stockmen of early days who resided in Sweetwater or made it their business headquarters were: J. M. Bunton, G. H. Bunton, A. J. Long, F. M. Long, R. M. Clanton, T. E. Douthit, John R. Lewis, G. R. West, Col. A. W. Hilliard, G. H. Connell, W. E. Connell, and Jim Newman. Judge H. C. Hord came to the county in 1879 and was interested in a ranch on the head of Sweetwater Creek. J. C. Criner was probably the first man to locate a ranch in Nolan County. His location was on Bitter Creek in the vicinity of the John Bardwell place.

In the winter of 1885 there occurred in this region of Texas one of the most severe spells of weather ever known — a blizzard and die up of devastating consequences. Practically 90 per cent of all sheep died and a very large per cent of the cattle died or were never found.

Then followed the two drouth years of 1886-1887, which resulted in (Continued on page 13)

With cotton prospects at an all time low for this area, it is a certainty that we will be shipping in Cottonseed Products throughout the fall and winter to supply the feeding requirements of our many customers. We will do the very best we can to keep our prices as low as possible and at the same time maintain highest standard of quality in our various feeds.

New ceilings have just been announced on Cottonseed Meal, Pellets and Hulls. Prices at the mills are very little changed from last season.

Until we have seed in sight it will be impossible for us to talk contract on Cottonseed Cake.

We do have a limited quantity of cake purchased to be shipped in against which we can contract SWEETWATER 20% Range Pellets for immediate, September, October, November delivery. The price on this excellent 20% Grain Pellet is somewhat less than that of our mill ceiling on 41% Cottonseed Pellets.

Our Mixed Feed Plant has been revamped this summer, with much new equipment added. We can definitely say that we will deliver a 20% Grain Pellet — fully fortified with vitamins and minerals — that will hold its own in any competition — both from a quality of formula and an appearance standpoint — No waste.

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#### LEADERS OF TEXAS ANGORA GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION

Here in their work clothes are the leaders of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association. From right to left, Bill Orr, President; Pete Gulley, Secretary-Auctioneer; J. B. Reagan, Sr., First Vice-President, and Brooks Sweeten, Second Vice-President. The picture was taken just before the annual auction sale.



#### EITHER ORR

Three Orrs - Mrs. Bill Orr, Rocksprings, wife of the new president of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association, and her nieces, Margaret and Catherine. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Orr, prominent ranch family of Bertram. Margaret was crowned Mohair queen at this year's coronation ceremony at Rocksprings.



# MARY SUE HELPED

Mary Sue Echols, Uvalde, was a big help to secretary-auctioneer Pete Gulley at the Texas Angora Goat Raisers sale at Rocksprings. In fact, she has been quite active in helping out in a lot of projects She is a 4-H and FFA club girl and sweetheart of the Uvalde chapter of the FFA. She is working in clothing and has been active in the fat stock shows exhibiting Rambouillet fat lambs. This year she has a project with Rambouillet-Corriedale Crossbred lambs. Her record book of activities will, she hopes, be good enough to win her the Santa Fe trip to Chicago this year. Mary Sue, a senior in high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Echols of Uvalde.

# Goat Raisers Elect New Officers Orr Named President

W. S. (BILL) ORR, well-known West Texas goatman, was named president of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association in an interesting meeting, August 8, at Rocksprings. J. B. Reagan, Sr. of Leakey, was named first vice-president and Brooks Sweeten, Rocksprings, second vicepresident. Pete Gulley, Uvalde, was renamed secretary.

The meeting was an interesting one attended by some seventy-five mem-bers and visitors. They heard an ad-dress by Sen. D. B. Hardeman of San Angelo. Invitations from Rocksprings, Fredericksburg, and Kerrville for the 1953 meeting site were accepted for future consideration, but a motion to change the by-laws in order to make Rockspring eligible for the 1953 meeting was voted down. Either Fredericksburg or Kerrville will be selected for next year's sale and coronation ceremonies.

Miss Margaret Orr made a thank you talk to the members of the Association for the courtesies shown her as Miss Mohair and mohair queen. An announcement was made that Miss Marilyn Mittel of Sonora had been selected as Miss Mohair for the forthcoming year.

A committee composed of Fred Earwood, Bob Davis, Pete Gulley, and James Gray reported that it had agreed upon a guide for judging Angora goats and with but little comment was adopted without dissent. The guide is as follows:

## TEXAS ANGORA GOAT RAISERS' ASSN.

Official Angora Judging Guide of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Assn.

BODY - 40 points		
Size and weight for age (Minimum weight — Yearling Buck 80 Lbs., Yearling Doe 60 Lbs.)	11	points
Constitution and Vigor Width and depth of chest, fullness of heartgirth and spring of ribs)	- 11	points
Conformation (Width and depth of body, straightness of back, width of loin, strength of back)	8	points
Amount of Bone (Indicated by size of bone below knee and hock. Should be clean and in proportion to size of animal. Strength of feet and legs.)	5	points
Angora Breed Type (Indicated by head, horns, ears, color markings, freckles not objectionable. Horns should be wide set on a Buck and should spiral outward.)	5	points
FLEECE - 60 points		
Freedom from Kemp (Kemp are large, white chalky hairs.)	12	points
Uniformity and Completeness of Covering (Uniformity includes uniformity of fineness, length, type of lock and covering. Adequate covering of Mohair over entire body, neither too much nor too little on face.)	11	points
Luster and Oil in Fleece (Luster is a good, bright type of Mohair.)	9	points
Length of Fleece (Equivalent to one inch or more per month.)	8	points
Fineness of Fleece (Finer Mohair generally more desirable.)	8	points
Character of Fleece (Refers to type of lock — lock should be uniform over entire body, whether flat, ringlet, or web.)	4	points
TOTAL	100	points

#### Disqualifying Characteristics -

Deformed mouths, broken-down pasterns, deformed feet, crooked legged (including cow-hocked), sheep-fleece, abnormalities of testicles, close set and distorted horns, any off-color hair.

A discussion relative to the possibility of the organization engaging in some activity to protect mohair from competing fibers was carried on at some length. Fred Earwood made the statement that, "the thing that we can do most to combat competing fibers is to raise the type of mohair

that the mills can use to make quality cloth.'

Joe Brown Ross, retiring president, and other officers were given the Association's thanks for their work. Thanks also were extended to the committee which compiled the scoring guide for judging Angora goats.

# Koontz and Dismukes Show Champion Bucks at Goat Show

THE 1952 annual Angora Goat Show of the Texas Angora Goat Raiser's Association was one of the best in history. The spectator interest was keen and the quality of the show was never higher.

Complete results of the show follow

#### B-TYPE

Bucks - 2 years and older: 1, S. W. Dismukes, Rocksprings; 2, I. B. Dismukes, Rocksprings; 3, W. S. Orr, Rocksprings; 4, W. S. Orr; 5, Charles Orr, Rocksprings.

Bucks - 1 year and under two, and A.A.G.B.A Special: 1, Bobby Sites, Wimberly; 2, Lewis & Godbold Leakey; 3, H. R. Sites, Wimberly; 4, Howard Hay, Bandera; 5, W. S. Orr; 6, Lewis & Godbold; 7, Reagan Bros., Leakey; 8, E. E. Daugherty, Leakey; 9, C. H. Chaney, Utopia; 10, J. B. Reagan, Leakey.

Buck kid under 1 year: 1, J. B. Reagan; 2, Joe David Ross, Sonora; 3, W. S. Orr; 4, Bobby Sites; 5, Claude Haby, Leakey.

Champion Buck — S. W. Dis-

mukes.

#### C-TYPE

Buck – 2 years and older: 1, Russell Koontz, Bandera; 2, M. D. Taylor, Vance; 3, Leroy Nichols, Leakey; 4, Joe David Ross; 5, W. S. Orr.

Buck - 1 year and under two and A.A.G.B.A. Special: 1, Joe D. Ross, Sonora; 2, C. H. Chaney; 3, J. B. Reagan: 4, Reagan Brothers, Leakey; 5, Joe David Ross; 6, Joe B. Ross; 7, Joe David Ross; 6, Joe B. Ross; Jack Moore, Hunt; 8, Brooks Sweeten, Rocksprings; 9, M. D. Taylor; 10, W. S. Orr.

Buck kid under 1 year: 1, Joe B. Ross; 2, Charles Orr; 3, Joe B. Ross; 4, J. B. Reagan; 5, M. D. Taylor. Champion Buck – Russell Koontz.

#### B-TYPE

Doc - 2 years and older: 1, S. W. Dismukes; 2, W. S. Orr; 3, I. B. Dismukes; 4, J. B. Reagan; 5, Albert Jenkins, Rocksprings

Doe - 1 year and under two and A.A.G.B.A Special: 1, H. R. Sites; 2, Nancy Haby, Leakey; 3, Claude Haby: 4, Howard Hay; 5, George Haby, Leakey; 6, Brooks Sweeten; 7, Joe David Ross.

Doe kid under 1 year: 1, Charles Orr; 2, Claude Haby; 3, Claude Haby; 4, H. R. Sites; 5, W. S. Orr. Champion Doe – H. R. Sites,

yearling.

Get of Sire: 1, S. W. Dismukes; 2, H. R. Sites; 3, Lewis & Godbold; 4, W. S. Orr; 5, W. S. Orr.

Breeder's Flock: 1, Charles Orr; 2, W. S. Orr.

#### C-TYPE

Doe - 2 years and older: 1, H. R. Sites; 2, Brooks Sweeten; 3, W. S. Orr; 4, Joe David Ross; 5, M. D. Taylor.

Does - 1 year and under two and A.A.G.B.A. Special: 1, H. R. Sites; J. Nancy Haby: 3, J. B. Reagan; 4, J. B. Reagan; 5, Albert Jenkins; 6, Joe B. Ross; 7, E. E. Daugherty.

Doe Kid under 1 year: 1, Joe B. Ross; 2, W. S. Orr; 3, W. S. Orr; 4.

M. D. Taylor; 5, Charles Orr.

Champion Doe - H. R. Sites, yearling.

Get of Sire: 1, H. R. Sites; 2, Joe B. Ross; 3, M. D. Taylor; 4, W. S. Orr; 5, Joe David Ross.

Breeder's Flock: 1, Joe B. Ross; 2, M. D. Taylor; 3, W. S. Orr; 4, Joe David Ross; 5, W. S. Orr.

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Does: yearling, H. R. Sites; two year old, H. R. Sites; three year old, Joe David Ross; four year old, W. S. Orr; five years and over, Joe B.

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From Jack Hardgraves of Sanderson, Roscoe Graham of San Angelo has bought 800 crossbred Rambouillet-Corriedale cross lambs. The lambs averaged 62 pounds and brought 181/2 cents a pound.

L. B. Cox of Ozona sold 600 ewes to Roscoe Graham of San Angelo at \$8 a head for solid-mouths, \$4.50 a head for spreaders and broken mouths.

Graham also bought 380 ewes from Madden Read of Ozona at \$7.50 and \$5.25 a head.

John Gahr of San Angelo has received a carload of mix Rambouillet lambs from Marion Sansom III of Paint Rock. The lambs which weighed 68½ pounds brought 18½ cents a pound.

# Sweetwater

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the loss of hundreds of would-be farmers in the region. The range failed and many cattle starved to death. There were no crops.

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# Godbold Sells Top at Angora Raísers' Sale

THE TOP selling buck at the annual Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association sale at Rocksprings, August 8, was from the outstanding herd of Lewis and Godbold, Leakey. The buck was purchased for \$220.00 by Elmer Wilson of Sonora.

The bright spot of the event was the quality and number of Angoras brought to the event. Many of the veteran goat breeders, long versed in judging the quality of Angora goats declared emphatically that this year the sale barn held the largest number of really superior breeding goats that Texas had ever seen. With this encouraging note about the event generally recognized by the breeders and prospective buyers, it was hoped the sale would be somewhat in line with the quality of the offerings. The sale was a disappointing one.

The offering of Angora goats was the largest in the history of the sale – 181 head of which 150 were bucks and 31 does. Including show animals not offered for sale, there was 307 head of Angora goats in the barn.

The average for 109 bucks sold was \$66. The top 24 bucks averaged \$99.40. The 22 does sold averaged \$32.

The average for 109 bucks sold was Richardson of Uvalde, who paid \$756.50 for 4 bucks and 14 does. He

was a consistent bidder in most of the top selling offerings.

Other sales included a Lewis and Godbold buck to Ernest Varga, Carta Valley at \$200, one to Juhan Jenkins, Rocksprings, at \$200, it being a 6-year-old veteran stud ram owned by Russell Koontz, Bandera; Walker Epperson paid \$170 for a Lewis and Godbold buck and \$155 for an H. R. Sites buck.

Other buyers included Thompson and Youngblood, Killeen; Hugh Barnett, Marble Falls; Wardlaw Brothers, Del Rio; J. J. Ellis, H. C. Babb, Homer and Payne Rudasill, O. L. McNealey, John Wentworth, John and Bill Brown, Harold Hough, Jim Gobble, James Whittenberg, Souli Shanklin, and Fletcher Gardner, Rocksprings; James Gobble and Teal Bishop, Carta Valley; Melvin Schrover, Mrs. Buna Davis, and Tom Davis, Sonora; H. B. Shawcross, Uvalde; L. Stapp, Ralph and Roy Leinweber, Walter Merritt, Mountain Home; Howard Hay, Bandera.

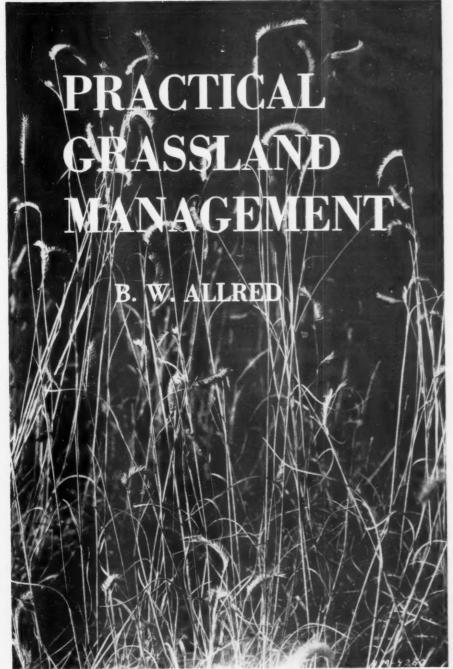
Also Mrs. V. L. Millsap, Junction; M. D. Tavlor, Vance: Fritz Steieler, Comfort; R. B. Anderson, Eldorado; Clarence Webb, Tennyson; Sterling Jordan, Mason; Williard Hill, Jr., Seguin; C. B. Van Peft, Sabinal; Felix Real, Jr., Kerrville; Paul Martin, Menard: Warren Klein, Divide; and Pete Ebeling, Burnet.



#### RICHARDSON TOP BUYER AT GOAT SALE

Here is shown H. R. Sites, right, holding one of his top bucks sold at the recent sale of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association. Mrs. Sites and Jack Richardson are also shown. Mr. Richardson was the major buyer in the sale, making purchases of nearly \$800. He says that in time of emergencies and drouth that goats are always the best bet.

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# 4-H Story of Carlos Loeffler 14-Year-Old Sutton County Boy

IN 1948, at the age of 10, I started my 4-H Club work. Since it was my first year, and I was inexperienced, I decided to start with lambs. So I bought four crossbred lambs from Cleve Jones, Jr. and put them on feed the latter part of August. I fed and cared for these lambs under the county agent's supervision.

Their ration was whole oats and a small amount of cottonseed meal. For a filler I fed alfalfa hay. As the weather started getting cooler, I decreased the oats and added corn. Forty-five days before the Sutton County Fat Stock Show in January, 1949, I fed the lambs pure corn. At this stock show one of my lambs was Grand Champion. He weighed 125 pounds. I also placed one lamb fourth and one sixth. The awards for this Grand Champion lamb were the 1948-1949 trophy presented by Sonora Lions Club, the National Farm Loan Association Award, the Glasscock Award, and an Angus calf which was to be the start of my 1950-1951 feeding.

The next year I fed two crossbred

The next year I fed two crossbred and two finewool lambs. I used the same method of feeding as I did the year before. In the 1950 Sutton County Show, the lambs again placed well I also fed one Hereford calf which I bought from C. T. Jones, Sr. in April. I left the calf with his mother, supplemented by a nurse cow for 30 days, after which I switched him to the nurse cow completely. By this time he was old enough to eat grain and hay. The mixture of feed was crimped oats and a little cotton-seed meal. This feed was used until cool weather, when I started decreasing the oats and increasing the corn. Ninety days before the Fort Worth Show in the latter part of January, I changed his feed to 55 per cent corn, 40 per cent oats and 5 per cent cottonseed meal. The feeding schedule was 5:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at which time I led him, feed him and brushed him. During his feeding period he gained 2¾ pounds a day.

In our county show my calf placed second and won Reserve Champion. At Fort Worth he placed sixth in his class. This year I started my calves on February 9, placing them



CARLOS LOEFFLER

on nurse cows and feeding them as I did the year before, with some additional skill. I took the Angus calf to the Dallas Fair where he placed first in the light weight class. He weighed 790 pounds. In January of 1951, I exhibited the Hereford calf at our local show where he placed third. I received the Holland

#### SITES SELLS TOP BUCK AT HILL COUNTRY SALE

The August 1 sale at Junction featured some excellent Angoras with the H. R. Sites and Son partnership selling the top animal. Here is shown Bobby Sites and the top selling buck which went to Frank Wilhelm of Menard for \$225.00. His champion buck was purchased by Harold Johnson of Hunt for \$175.00



Production Award for having the fattest and best groomed calf and the Wilson Award for meat animal production. Two days later I took this calf to the Fort Worth Stock Show where he placed 26th in his class. He weighed 965 pounds.

For 1950-1951 I again fed four lambs, all finewool, and two calves: a Hereford and an Angus. I fed my lambs the same as the past years. In our county show I won a third and

seventh place.

After the stock show I took up judging. My 1951-1952 feeding and judging year has been the most successful, and I give credit to my past experience and practice. I fed eight lambs, four finewool and four crossbred. I also fed three Hereford calves. The overall care of the lambs and calves was the same as last year, except for a little change in feed. At our county show my lambs placed first in light weight finewool, first in lightweight crossbred, first and champion in groups of three and third, fifth and seventh in other classes. One of my calves placed first and Grand Champion and I won a showmanship trophy.

In February, I took my calves to the Houston Fat Stock Show where the competition was very keen. There I placed my calves 18th, 22nd, and 43rd, with which I was well pleased. I also placed my calves fourth in groups of three. I carried my lambs to San Antonio where the competition was again very keen. I placed four lambs 13th, 22nd, 31st and

43rd

When the stock shows were over I again took up judging. In 1952 I was a member of the first place livestock judging team at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Our team placed second in grass judging and the State Contest held at Texas A&M College and third at the State Wool and Mohair Contest in San Angelo where was high individual. At the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show where we judged sheep, goats, grass plots, grass. wool and mohair our team won fourth place. I won high individual award in wool judging and was third overall high of the entire contest.

In my four years of 4-H Club work I have won in state and county shows 45 ribbons, three trophies, 13 medals, one calf and approximately \$550 in

prize money.

Through my 4-H activities I have had many valuable experiences. Althrough it requires a lot of time and labor, I enjoy the work very much. By these experiences I hope to become a capable stockman.

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# **GOOD SHEEP SHOW** AT GILLESPIE FAIR

THE WELL attended Gillespie County Fair offered the visitors a representative sheep show of nice animals.

Jules Gipson was the big winner of the Corriedale show, sweeping all championships and reserves.

In the Suffolk Sheep Show the Trans-Pecos Ranch of Fort Stockton was winner of the championship and reserve championship for both rams and ewes.

In the Southdown competition Jack Herzik showed champion ram, Aime Frank Real the reserve champion ram and the champion ewe. The reserve ewe was shown by Walter Stelzig.

In the Columbia competition the champion ram and ewe were shown by L. A. Norden, reserves by Maurice Bradford.

The champion Delaine ram was shown by F. H. Lohmann and Son; the ewe by Joe LeMay. The reserve champion Delaine ram and ewe were shown by Ola Mae Itz.

The champion Rambouillet ram and ewe were shown by Kyle Wright: the reserve champion ram and champion ram and ewe by H. D. Bode.

In the over-all medium wool competition the grand champion medium wool ram was that of the Trans-Pecos Suffolk ranch; the ewe that of Aime Frank Real with a Southdown

In the over-all fine wool competition, the Delaine ram of F. H. Lohmann and Son was grand champion, while the Delaine ewe of Joe LeMay was grand champion.

A carload of solid-mouth ewes from the Thomson T Circle Ranch at Eldorado were sold to Bob Sproul of Eldorado at \$8 a head.

# SITES BIG WINNER AT GILLESPIE FAIR

THE ANGORA goat producing team of H. R. Sites and Son, Wimberley, garnered the lion's share of the championship ribbons at the Gillespie County Fair. In the Angora B-Type show Bobby Sites showed both the champion buck and doe and the reserve champion doe. The reserve champion buck was shown by W. S. Orr of Rocksprings.

In the C Type competition the champion buck was shown by A. A. Wergenhausen, Gillespie County, while the reserve champion buck and the champion and reserve champion doe were shown by H. R. Sites.

Leroy Russell of San Angelo sold 980 mixed Rambouillet lambs from Dempster Jones of Ozona to New Mexico buyers at 19 cents a pound. The lambs weighed 63 pounds.

Russell bought from Bill Seahorn and Wampus Espy of Sonora 1,000 blackface lambs weighing about 70 pounds. Price was 21 cents a pound, and delivery was August 13.

From Mrs. Helen Weaver, Russell bought a load of 2-year-old Rambouillet ewes at \$15. From Frank Cargile he bought 11 suffolk rams at 535 a head to go with the ewes. These sheep were sent to Oklahoma pastures.

The inexhaustable well spring of Texas history contains, among many other things, the stories behind each of the strange names of towns in the state. The community of Babyhead, near Babyhead mountain between San Saba and Llano, has a gory fact relating to its name. About 1850, Comanche Indians captured a white baby, beheaded it and put the head upon a pole on a mountain top.



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# Control of Woody Plants with Herbicides

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WIDESPREAD interest has now developed in the use of chemicals to control woody plants on range and pastures, right-of-way of highways, transmission lines and railroads, forest plantations, land reclamation sites and for eradication of poisonous plant as well as those acting as hosts to various disease organisms.

The chief chemicals used by research workers and commercial operators are 2,4-D, 2,4.5-T, mixtures of 2,4-D and 2,4.5-T, and ammate. These materials, with the exception of ammate, have been applied effectively under favorable conditions by airplane spraying equipment, knapsack sprayers, low and high volume ground spraying equipment. Cut surfaces of plants have also been treated with special applicators. Ammate has been used as a high volume foliage spray and in concentrated solutions or as crystals for treatment of frills and cut surfaces

Results of nearly all research workers indicate that for basal applications and dormant season treatments oils are superior to water or oil-water emulsions as diluents for 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Moreover, it appears that the low volatile ester formulations are at least equally effective and much less hazardous to nearby valuable plants than the high volatile esters.

It also appears that different plants have optimum rates of chemicals for the various methods of application. Increasing the rates of chemicals above the optimum amounts seldom increaseffectiveness of the treatment. With the basal method of application, further information is needed on the most desirable concentration and volume of diluent required to control sprouting shrubs

Further development in control of woody plants appears to be dependent on more thorough knowledge of the vegetative regeneration process of various species, modes of entrance and path of movement of toxic chemical during the summer and winter sea-sons. In addition, a better understanding of the characteristics of different chemicals and formulations must be developed if most efficient use is to be made of those materials to control woody plants.

Results with the three most promising methods of applying chemicals for the control of woody plants are summarized from reports of investigators and commercial agencies in the Southern Weed Conference area.

Foliage Application

Ammate, 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T may be used effectively to control woody plants. In areas where mixed brush prevails, ammate and mixtures of 2, 4-D and 2,4,5-T appear most effective while for stands of one species of

brush, 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T show more promise when used alone.

For ground applications, complete coverage of foliage and stems is essential with solutions of 2,4-D and 2,4, 5-T containing 1½ to 3 pounds acid, (depending on species treated) in 100 gallons of water when the plants are in full leaf stage and in vigorous growth. For the more resistant species it may be advisable to use oil-water emulsions or oils as carriers for the chemicals. Overall dormant sprays show more promise when 6 to 8 pounds acid of 2,4,5-T or 8 to 10 pounds of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T as ester formulations are applied in 100 gallons of oil carriers to above ground plant parts.

The use of low volatile esters together with equipment delivering coarse droplets at low pressure should reduce loss of chemicals and hazards of drift to susceptible crops and valuable plants. The ester formulations of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T appear to be most effective for control of a wide

range of woody plants. Ammate offers satisfactory control of mixed brush when applied to the foliage and stems in a drenching spray at a rate of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 1 pound of salt per gallon of water. It is less hazardous to use in areas where susceptible crops are grown and may be used over a greater portion of the growing season. On the other hand, it is less selective, more corrosive and greater amounts of bulk materials must be handled. The addition of a spreader-sticker often improves the effectiveness for control of woody plants.

For airplane applications, 3/4 to 1 pound acid of 2,4-D ester in an oilwater emulsion at 1 gallon of diesel fuel and 2 gallons water per acre, or in 3 gallons of diesel fuel, is the suggested treatment for the control of sand sage brush. The application of chemicals should be made when the plants reach the full leaf stage in the



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spring and are making vigorous growth. Treatments during extended drouth should be avoided.

For control of mesquite with airplane spraying equipment, 2/3 pound acid of a low volatile ester of 2,4,5-T should be used in an oil-water emulsion of one gallon diesel fuel and 3 gallons of water per acre. Applications should be made 50 to 80 days after first leaves appear in the spring when there is sufficient soil moisture to msure heavy foilage and vigorous growth for 30 days prior to treatment. The spray solution should be delivered in coarse droplets to reduce drift and loss of chemicals.

Some promising results have been obtained for the control of second growth post and blackjack oaks by aerial application. One pound acid of a low volatile ester of 2,4,5-T, or 1½ pounds acid of 2,+1D and 2,4,5-T in 1 gallon diesel fuel and 3 gallons water per acre, gave over 50 per cent kills of plants under 6 feet tall. The applications were made during the first part of June in Central Texas.

Shinnery oak in Oklahoma has not been controlled effectively by application of 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T with ground or airplane spraying equipment. Top kills of 90 per cent were obtained and grass production was visibly increased, but root kills were considered inadequate.

Salt cedar or western tamarix has not been controlled efectively by aerial spray application of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T in Western Texas.

Basic Application

This treatment consists of spraying the lower 12 to 18 inches basal por-tions of plants with 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T and mixtures of these chemicals. Excellent top kills of most woody species have been obtained during the growing season or in dormancy, but root kills have been less consistent. The greater variation in root kills is probably due to the variation of different species in the location, depth and nature of sprouting tissues below ground level. For effective control of woody plants, the entire basal area at the ground line encircling the plant should be wetted to the point of runoff. Diesel fuel, kerosene, or similar light oils have been superior to oilwater emulsions or water diluents for basal treatments.

The ester formulations of 2,4,5-T at S pounds acid per 100 gallons of oil have generally been more effective, as 12 to 16 pounds of 2,4-D or mixtures of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T.

Basal applications have generally been highly effective for the control of black oak, southern red oak, Mohr's shin oak, intermediate on post oak and white oak, and least effective on liveoak and blackjack oak. Common persimmon, mesquite, osage orange, sweetgum, huisache, black willow, smooth alder, hawthorn, hickory, chaparral, poison ivy and numerous other species have been controlled satisfactorily with basal applications. For large trees, effectiveness of the treatment may be improved by making notches around the base of the plant to expose the sapwood.

Cut Surface Treatments

These application methods include frilling, notching, cupping and stump treatments which generallly give effective control, especially for larger trees. For the control of thin stands of undesirable plants on forest plantations and other similar sites, these methods are often economical and feasible; but in dense stands of brush over extensive areas, cost are usually prohibitive.

For treatments that require the application of chemicals only to the cut surfaces such as frills, notches, cups or the sapwood of stumps, "Ammate" as crystals or in 4 to 8 pound water solutions per gallon has given good control of woody plants. Similar concentrated solutions of 2,+D and 2,+. 5-T containing ½ up to 4 pounds acid per gallon, have given highly effective control with a minimum amount of material. For most effective control of sprouting shrubs, the cups, notches, and frills must be spaced not over 2 to 3 inches apart uniformly around the stem of larger trees. These rather concentrated solutions and emulsions appear most effective when water is used as a diluent.

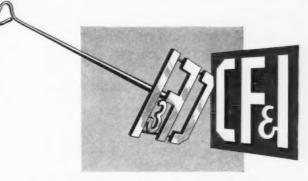
For chemical treatment of cut surfaces, where it appears feasible to treat the cut surfaces, remaining bark and the basal area around the tree, 2,4,5-T ester in oils appears superior to 2,4-D or mixtures of 2,4-D and 2,4. 5-T for most species. The amount of 2,4,5-T acid in the ester form for good control with this type of application may be reduced to 10 to 20 pounds per 100 gallons of oil.

# MICKELSEN RANCH

H. B. ALLEN has purchased the G. M. Mickelsen ranch located near Tarpley. Allen recently purchased the Alex Kalka ranch on Indian Creek and has built a rock house, a dam, a lake and many other improvements.

The ranches were sold by George Miller, San Antonio realtor. The Mickelsen ranch includes about 320 acres, and the Kalka place about 150 acres.

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# Quality Good in Sears District Show at Junction

FOUR WEST Texas counties participated in the Sears District Show held in Junction, August 23. This was the fourth annual show. There were 30 head in the ewe lamb class and 24 in the ram lamb class.

Because of the drouth, no cattle were shown this year and only Delaine and Rambouillet sheep and Angora goats in the annual Kimble County Registered Breeders Association Show, which was combined with the Sears event.

In the Sears show, the champion ewe was shown by 16-year-old Donnic Bode of Junction, and the champion ram was shown by 13-year-old Scottie

Menzies of Menard.

The Kimble County Breeders show was topped by Ola Mae Itz of Harper who had the champion Delaine ram and ewe, John Brooks Landers of Menard who had the champion Rambouillet ram and Tommy Hefferman of Junction who showed the champion Rambouillet ewe. S. F Lackey, Junction breeder, exhibited the champion Angora buck. Lem Fleming of Junction had the champion Angora doc.

In the five years of the Sears program in the Kimble 4-county district more than 24 young sheep breeders have been launched on their careers.

Don Elliott of Hext and Burnay Sheffield of Menard will get ewe lambs in Menard County from the Sears Foundation in the next few days. Lamar Itz of Harper and Robbie Carpenter of Junction are the Kimble boys who will receive lambs and Bob Stewart of Eldorado gets four lambs. Gillespie boys to receive lambs have not been selected as yet.

Spud Tatum of Rocksprings was judge for the Junction event.

# THALLMAN WINS WITH SHEEP AND GOATS



Richard Thallman, Bandera F. F. A boy proves it can be done. He has made good money with sheep and goats while learning how to raise them. Recently his study and work was rewarded with the Lone Star Farmer Award, a recognition that the F. F. A. boys cherish very much. This award presented July 17 was the first to a Bandera County boy, the highest for Future Farmer activity for Texas.

Pete Sloan of the Sloan Community has purchased the Judge J. B. Harrell Ranch at Chappel near San Saba.

The 900-acre tract of land has been in the Harrell family since 1856. The Harrells plan to move to

Breckenridge.

J. R. Mims and Mims & Coulter of Water Valley sold 870 mixed Rambouillet lambs, August 20, to Harvey Martin of San Angelo. The average weight was 72 pounds. Otho Drake of San Angelo bought the lambs at 19½ cents.

From the Ozona area, Otho Drake of San Angelo has purchased about 2,500 lambs for delivery the fourth week in August. From Mrs. Sid Millspaugh, he got 1,000 blackface lambs, which averaged 70 pounds, at 21 cents a pound. From Paul Perner and Bascomb Cox he got 1,500 Rambouillet lambs, which also weighed 70 pounds. Price on these was 20

The J. D. Varga Warehouse at Rocksprings shipped its first carload of fall mohair about the fifteenth of August. Buyer was Louie Ragland of Junction, representing R. P. Collins & Co., Boston. Prices were \$1.161/2 for kid mohair and 911/2 cents for the adult. These prices were 81/2 cents under the opening spring prices for mohair.

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By Jack B. Taylor

NEW MEMBERS of the Association are: Ambrose Moeller, Comfort, Texas; Jerry Ista, Hulett, Wyoming; Dick Runge, Ken Love, Ronnie Mittel, and Mike Moore, all of Eldorado, Texas. The Eldorado members are club boys.

The drouth has not fazed the Texas Club Boys in their plans to feed Ram-bouillet breeding sheep for the Fall shows. Many of the boys will be showing sheep of their own breeding, while others have been purchasing top lambs from adult breeders.

H. C. Wilkinson of Ranger, Texas, has sold a number of registered lambs to 4-H Club boys at Woodson, Texas. They are Tommy Trimble, James Forrest, T. J. Latham, Robert Brockman, and Thomas Brockman. Mr. Wilkinson reports all his pastures have dried up and he is feeding his sheep. His flock averaged 15.65 pounds of wool

per ewe this spring.

John Williams of Eldorado, Texas. is another breeder furnishing top quality lambs to club boys. Some of these boys are: Bob Brown, Harper; Jimmy Stubblefield, Ballinger; Eddie F

Smith, Sonora; Scotty Menzies, Menard; Gilbert Marshall, Del Rio; Gene Simon, Junction; Gene Tongate, Brookesmith; and Dick Runge, Kenneth Love, Ronnie Mitchel, and Mike Moore of Eldorado.

Mr. Williams has also sold some ewe lambs to Sparks Rust of Del Rio. B. F. Bridges & Son of Bronte, Texas, have sold 2 ewe lambs to the Junction Club boys. They were selected by Jim Gray and Vernon Jones and will be delivered at the Junction All-Breed Sale August 29th.

Another very active 4-H Club with registered Rambouillet breeding sheep is the Niobrara Club at Lusk, Wyoming. S. E. West, County Agent, is the

Some Club boys have expressed their intentions of exhibiting their breeding sheep at the Texas State Fair this year. Fair rules require that exhibitors must have owned their breeding sheep for at least one month. Any Club boys planning to exhibit at the Fair should be sure to get their sheep registered right away.

A marked increase in rush applications for registry indicate quite a num-ber of registered Rambouillet breeding sheep will be exhibited at the midwestern and eastern fairs this year.

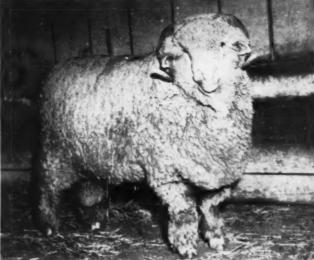
A list of registered Rambouillet breeders has been requested by the Chief of the Livestock and Poultry Branch of the Food and Agriculture Division. He has been contacted by another foreign country interested in the Rambouillet breed

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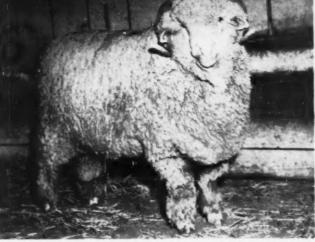
Leo Richardson and his son, Rod, recently sold 14 head of registered Rambouillet ewes to Utah State Agricultural College at \$725. Experiments of this school in developing open face Rambouillet sheep led to the purchase of a Rambouillet ram in the San Angelo Rambouillet sale a few weeks earlier.

Rod Richardson is shown with the ewes just before they were shipped from San Angelo.



TOPS OF NATIONAL RAM SALE

This Rambouillet Ram was consigned by the John K. Madsen Rambouillet Farm, Mount Pleasant, Utah, and sold to the Cunningham



Sheep Company for \$1,000 at the National Ram Sale.



#### ANOTHER \$1,000 RAM

This ram, held by Stanley Beal of George L. Beal and Son, Ephraim, Utah, was another \$1,000 ram and it went to Andrew Little, Jr., of Emmett, Idaho.

# National Ram Sale Makes Average of \$111.00

HIGHEST selling ram at the National Ram Sale in Salt Lake City, August 20, was a Rambouillet stud which sold for \$2,000. Consignor was Nielsen Sheep Company of Ephraim, Utah. Purchaser was Covey-Bigley-Dayton from Cokeville, Wyoming. Only Rambouillets held up to last year's average and a record sale. This high selling individual brought the same price as the high ram in last year's sale. The overall total was down almost \$20,000, from the 1951 record.

Cunningham Sheep Co., of Pendleton, Oregon paid \$1,000 for a consignment from the John K. Madsen Rambouillet Farms at Mt. Pleasant,

Overall average on 1,508 head was \$111. Total sales were \$166,755.

Breed averages were as follows: Hampshires, 17 studs – \$188, 53 reg. pens – \$91, 97 range rams – \$67; Rambouillets, 21 studs – \$406, 101 reg. pens – \$134, 258 range rams – \$144; Columbias, 13 studs — \$265, 40 reg. pcns — \$102, 249 range rams — \$81; Suffolk-Hampshire crossbreds, 135 – \$108; Rambouillet-Lincoln crossbreds, 20 – \$120; Panamas, 88 – \$70; Targhees, 40 - \$59; Corriedales,

# RAMBOUILLETS IN GOOD DEMAND AT OREGON RAM SALE

THE 26TH Oregon Ram Sale at Pendleton, Oregon, August 15 was an excellent sale for the Rambouillet breed, as 90 Rambouillet rams averaged \$162.92. Sale average on 283 rams of all breeds was \$114.93.

The J. K. Madsen Rambouillet Farm at Mount Pleasant, Utah, sold a stud ram to Leo Hahn. Pendleton. for \$800.00 to top the Sale. A Madsen pen of 5 went to the Cunningham Sheep Company at \$500.00. The Madsens also sold a pen of 5 for \$450.00 and another for \$300.00. John V. Withers of Paisley, Oregon, sold the second high stud at \$325.00 also a Rambouillet.

Unofficial breed averages from the auctioneer's records are:

90 Rambouillets \$167.97 4 Columbias 100.00 15 Lincolns 94.34 15 Lincoln-Rambouillets 88 33 Corriedales 80.00 Hampshires 71.43

Some breeds were not in very great demand at this Sale and were passed out unsold.

# Rambouillet

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Any sheepmen who would be interested in employing experienced sheepherders from Italy can write Arthur I. Schechter, Attorney at Law, 60 Wall Street, New York. Mr. Schechter has received a number of letters requesting information as to possible employment in the U. S. A lack of experienced sheepherders is given as one reason for the decrease in U. S. sheep population.

Sam Powell of Robert Lee, Texas, has purchased a Leo Richardson bred ram from Wallace Hendricks of San Angelo.

H. C. Noelke of Sherffield, Texas, has sold 35 registered ewes and a ram to Pinky Carruthers of Sanderson, Texas – another young breeder of Club age.

E. B. Mullis of Brookesmith, Texas, has sold a number of rams and ewes to W. M. Tackett, also of Brookesmith.

The Utah State Fair this year is honoring the Rambouillet breed. It is the 50th anniversary of the last importation of Rambouillets from France. Registered Rambouillets have been in Utah much longer than 50 years — probably since the late 1880's.

George L. Beal & Sons of Ephraim, Utah, are real proud of the open faced Rambouillet ram they purchased from the University of Wyoming for \$1,000.00

Dr. C. W. Hickman of the University of Idaho, Secretary of the American Suffolk Sheep Society, has recently returned from Europe and a visit to the Rambouillet farm in France. At the National Ram Sale, Dr. Hickman reported our American Rambouillet is a vastly superior utility sheep as compared to the types now in France.

Dr. U. S. Garrigus of the University of Illinois attended the National Ram Sale and bid on some Rambouillet stud rams; however the price was a little out of the University's reach. Dr. Garrigus believes there is a wonderful future for sheep in the midwest for wornout farms and untillable acres. They have found sheep compare very favorable with cattle and hogs in net income production over a long period of time.

Col. A. W. Thompson, auctioneer at the National Ram Sale, made a very fitting comparison of taxes and poor quality rams to open the National Ram Sale. He gave figures to show "the tax of interiority" may amount to 15% of a sheepman's gross income. The per cent of his net income would of course be much greater.

Everette Shuey, Secretary of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association, reports a number of new Rambouillet breeders have consigned rams to the Montana Ram Sale at Miles City, September 18.

Bruce Barnard, Jr., of El Paso, has taken over his father's flock and will continue in the registered Rambouillet business at Shiprock, New Mexico. Some of his top ewes and buck lambs are grazing in clover in the cool mountains north of Durango, Colorado.

H. C. Noelke, of Sheffield, Texas, purchased an excellent pen of 5 polled Rambouillet rams from the Utah State Agricultural College in the National Ram Sale.

Rod Richardson of Iraan and R. R. Walston, registered Delaine breeder from Menard, are on an extensive trip through the East and middle West. They will visit E. H. Patterson, Rambouillet Association Director at Mayville, New York; Oren A. Wright, Rambouillet breeder at Greenwood, Indiana, and others along the route.



TOP RAMBOUILLET

The top Rambouillet of the National Ram Sale was that being held by Richard Nielson, son of the breeder, Adin Nielson, Ephraim, Utah. The ram sold for \$2,000.

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By E. G. Pope Assistant District Agent, Fish and Wildlife Service

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Last winter we treated 18,370 pounds of horse meat and exposed it for covote control in North Texas. In the spring we picked up the remains of the stations and destroyed them. We estimate that 8,950 pounds of the poison baits were eaten. The work was carried on in 22 counties, 8 of these counties were in the sheep area or adjoining same. They were treated with 1080 stations to stop the coyote drift or eradicate any coyotes in the area. The remaining counties worked were for the protec-tion of its young calves, antelope, and other game. The results in control of coyotes were phenomenal. I will not go into detail as the work stands out for itself.

The poison meat was exposed on a basis of one station to each township, or 36 sections of land. Each station averaged 100 pounds in weight when placed out. All stations are securely tied when placed in order that any remains may be recovered and properly disposed of.

The treating and handling of 1080 poison work is done by technical and experienced personnel. All stations are placed in remote areas as far as possible, and landowners are requested to avoid visits or any interference with the stations placed on their land. Permission is secured from landowner or lessee before any work is done on property. Special warning signs are placed at strategic points of property when 1080 poison is exposed.

The work is more successful during the winter months. Stations are usually placed after cool winter weather sets in. Early in the spring the remains of the poison stations are picked up and either burned with crude oil poured over them or buried. Horse meat is about the most acceptable for coyote work, but other meats will work. One horse of about 1,000 pounds will make from five to seven stations. This would entirely depend on coyote infestation in the area to be placed. Treating of the meat with 1080 poison must be done by experienced operators. Experience has proven that the handling of 1080 by inexperienced operators results in poor control.

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In the cattle areas control for thinning out the heavy infestation is usually all that is necessary. For maximum of the cattle areas control for thinning out the heavy infestation is usually all that is necessary. mum results work should be planned and started well in advance of calving time, however, I have seen 1080 work stop serious losses within one week's time after being exposed

in proper stations.
In the sheep area where covote control is not enough, and eradication is more or less required, 1080 work must be supplemented by all other approved methods. It is possible to do an excellent job with 1080

poison, but a killing renegade or a few stragglers may be left which will have to be taken by some other methods. 1080 poison work is a fast and relatively inexpensive method in cutting down coyote population adjoining sheep ranges, which in turn cuts stock losses as well as reduces other operational costs.

Last but not least, 1080 is a very deadly poison. Under no circum-stances should it be handled care-lessly. There is no known antedote for 1080 poisoning. A lethal dose means certain death. A person handling 1080 powder carelessly can be killed quickly by the dust in the air off the powder. As a warning, to impress the deadly effect of 1080 poison for covote control, approxi-mately only one-half ounce is used to 1,000 pounds of station meat, yet a feeding of three or four ounces of said meat is enough to kill a coyote. On the other hand, except to dogs, cats and possibly hogs, it is one of the most selective and safest control methods from the livestock, game and fur-bearing animal standpoint in operation. The toxic lethal dose varies a great deal for various animals and fortunately the covote is the most susceptible

All and all, 1080 compound (Sodium Fluoroacetate) is a great eco-nomical tool for the stock raiser, but under no corcumstances should it be handled by inexperienced personnel or exposed haphazardly on open ranges. 1080 is not a new poison, but only in recent years has man learned to control it to a limited extent. A warning to the public is to beware and respect its potentcy.

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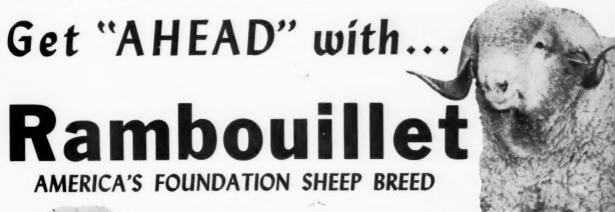
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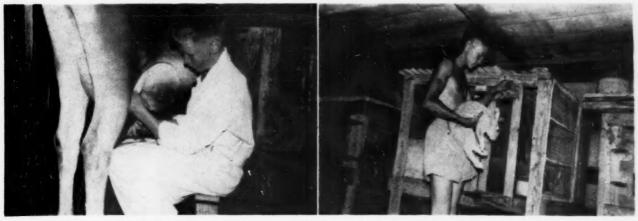
a place to have a PICNIC. I wanted my ideal ranch near the RAILROAD TRACKS because there is something far away and mysterious about the sound of trains. And what American boy hasn't balanced himself and walked on the rails or ties?



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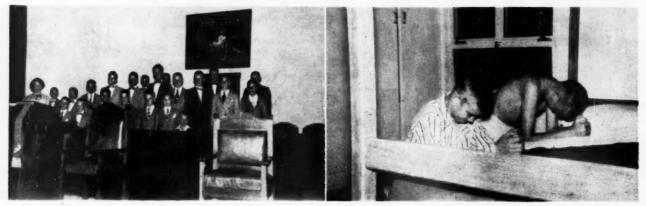
I wanted my ranch far out in the country, but driving distance from a fair-sized town—one with a daily newspaper, good SCHOOLS and churches, several theatres and an independent ball team. I wanted the school I attended to be big enough to be modern . . . . . but small enough that I COULD BE AN INDIVIDUAL.



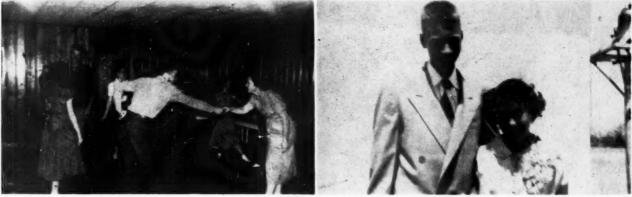
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I always liked to be around boys. I come from a big family and there are so many advantages to a large family—one of them is the competitive games in which a group of boys can participate. In the spring and summer I wanted to play baseball; in the fall, FOOTBALL; in the winter, basketball, and I like to RIDE BICYCLES all year round.



I always like to sing, and you can SING much better with a group. When it comes to singing, I like to sing all kinds—hymns, hillbilly, popular, old favorites and patriotic songs. When I was a boy, I had a thirst for religious knowledge. I liked to have a few minutes every day . . . . to say my PRAYERS . . . . . and be quiet and think.



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I guess that about sums up what I wanted most of all when I was a boy, and . . . .



. . . . that just about sums up what BOYS' RANCH of WEST TEXAS is like!

EDITOR'S NOTE: "When I Was a Boy," is the second in a series of stories and pictures on Boys' Ranch west of San Angelo. This article is written as the ranch is seen through the eyes of a boy. In the July issue the subject was "A Human Kind of Ranching," written with the hope that it would inspire men to assume willingly and happily the ever present obligation to some boys who are less fortunate than others. We appreciate the assistance of 3. T. House in the preparation of the Boys Ranch story of this issue.

# **Outdoor Notes**

By Joe Austell Small

MRS. ELSIE DUNTON, who lives on a farm with her husband near Rockdale, Texas, was thinking of the frown that would be on her husband's face when he saw the meat dish she was cooking for the even-ing meal. He didn't like liver. But she didn't have any other meat.

Suddenly there was a splintering crash. Bits of flying glass filled the air. Mrs. Dunton jumped back from her cookstove. She emitted a startled exclamation and threw up an arm to shield her face. The shattered window lay in bits on the floor.

Mrs. Dunton started looking around the room. Then she saw it. A full grown quail lay by her frying pan on the stove. It had flown through the window and was killed by the impact. Mrs. Dunton smiled, dressed the bird and plopped it into the frying pan.

Partridge was her husband's favorite meat dish.

#### Strange Battle

One of the strangest outdoor dramas he'd ever heard of was witnessed by Game Ranger Henry Stotts of the Arizona Game & Fish Commission. Stotts was patrolling near Blue Point on the Salt Rover when he heard a commotion in the brush.

Upon investigating he found four badgers locked in mortal combat. These normally shy animals were so engrossed in their fight that they paid no attention to Stotts. He watched the battle for twelve minutes from a distance of only fifteen feet.

Stotts said the fight appeared to be a free for all - every badger for himself.

When he finally stepped in to break up the melee, all four animals were covered with blood. As they scattered, one was dragging a broken

#### Four Deer at One Whack

When an auto, driven by Howard Yount, plowed into four dear near Bloomsdale, Missouri, it killed all four of them, two adults and two yearlings - all bucks.

Neither Yount nor his wife were injured, although it wrecked their late model Chevrolet.

#### Sand-Swimmer!

There is a three-eyed desert lizard that dives and swims in the sand almost like a fish in water. University of California scientists reported that this lizard had to learn to vanish rapidly in the sand because it is a frequent morsel for road runners and badgers.

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# Washington Parade

By Fred Bailey

WASHINGTON officials indicate that the new livestock laboratory to be located on Plum Island, New York, very likely will be built for research on other diseases in addition to footand-mouth.

Officials say that while foot-andmouth is prime importance because it has shown up in Canada and Mexico, consideration is being given to diseases similar to it and to "exotic" diseases, or diseases that exist in foreign countries but have never shown up in North America.

Among the diseases getting consideration here for inclusion in the laboratory's research program a re sheep sore mouth, sheep pox, goat pox, and possibly other sheep diseases present in Africia. Rinderpest, a systemic disease prevalent in Africa and Asia, also may eventually be considered by the laboratory.

The laboratory will be constructed so as to permit additional buildings to be attached later. Also, as answers to one disease are discovered, work will probably begin on others.

Actual construction of the Plum Island laboratory in all probability will not begin for at least six months. Officials believe construction will take about a year and a half.

Larger numbers of sheep shom plus a record heavy weight per fleece are expected to provide a two per cent increase in wool production over last

USDA livestock officials are estimating this year's shorn wool output at 229,750,000 pounds. This is about four million pounds, or two per cent, more than was shorn last year. But production still is about 23 per cent below the 1951-50 average.

The number of sheep shorn is estimated at 27,769,000 head, about 400,000 more than last year, but 10,000,000 below the 1951-50 average. Texas numbers 6,030,000 head, down 600,000 from last year, and down more than 2,000,000 head from the 10-year average.

Montana sneep numbers are up about 73,000 head from last year to 1,575,000 this year. The 10-year average for Montana is 2,489,000 head.

The government estimates weight per fleece this year at about 8.27 pounds average, compared with 8.24 in 1951 and the 10-year average of 8.02 pounds. About 1½ per cent more sheep were shorn this year than last.

Output of shorn wool in the "native" or "fleece" states is estimated at 66 million pounds, with an average fleece weight of 7.53 pounds. Last year 61 million pounds were shorn in those areas at an average fleece weight of 7.52 pounds.

In the 11 Western states, South

In the 11 Western states, South Dakota and Texas, shorn wool production is estimated at 164 million pounds, or about the same as in 1951. The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn is placed at 19,044,000 head, a drop of about one per cent from

last year. The average weight per fleece at 8.61 pounds is second highest on record, but just slightly more than in 1951.

Production is down from a year ago in Texas. Wyoming, Arizona, Utah and Nevada . . . up in the rest of the Western sheep states. Wool production in Texas, estimated at 47 million pounds, is four per cent down from 1951, and compares with 1951-50 average of 68 million pounds.

Montana wool production is estimated at 15.3 million pounds, compared with slightly less than 15 million last year and the 1951-50 average of almost 23 million pounds.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics forecasts sheep and lamb slaughter during the rest of 1952 at somewhat larger than a year earlier . . . but the increase very likely will be smaller than in the first part of the year.

The prospective slaughter, according to livestock specialists, does not indicate marked changes in price for meal animals. But some seasonal price decline is expected as marketings pick up during the fall.

Total lamb and mutton production this year is estimated now at 600 million pounds. This compares with 522 million pounds produced last year and the 1935-39 average production of 870 million pounds.

Veteran political observers in Washington believe that President Truman will not call Congress back to special session as a result of Price Boss Arnall's warning of inflation.

The odds are believed too strong against recall. Congressmen are too busy campaigning and don't want to come back. And if they did come back there is only a slight chance that any price legislation would be enacted.

Arnall warned that drouth and steel strike would send prices skyrocketting. But Secretary Brannan took issue with Arnall. Brannan expects adequate food supplies despite the drought and

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# Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Chicago Bureau

CHOICE AND prime fed steers and yearlings went into the mid-August period at \$33.00 to \$35.75. The markets were still being overdosed with 1,400 to 1,700 lb. long feds but after threatening to fall to pieces in July these big weights recovered to sell surprisingly well at \$32.50 to \$34.50. Finished yearlings led, of course, even heifers scaling under 1,000 lbs. reaching \$35.50. Kansas grass steers were selling at \$28.00 down, with natives that had had grain on grass at \$31.00 down, all this sounding pretty good in view of the fact that the past 30 days had seen about \$0,000 head more cattle in the national slaughter than a year earlier.

Hogs, however, were for the moment at least victims of circumstance. First, the VE virus followed by embargoes and widespread quarantines. Then, secondly "scarce" runs, often with eastern shippers unable to operate at some big markets, notably Chicago. And finally, threats of packing house shutdowns because of labor trouble. This latter factor became quite a market influence mid-August when labor contracts with big packers expired and the usual negotiations for higher wages began. Having sold up to \$24.50 a few weeks earlier, top hogs at Chicago were back at \$22.25.

In lambs it was a scramble for better grades, with no one to take culls and mediums. Top springers, very sparsely represented this season in most combelt areas, had reached \$31.50. But culls and mediums had to be peddled at \$12.00 to \$22.00, killers preferring Texas shorn yearlings at \$20.00 to \$25.00. In fact, a pretty satisfactory trade had developed on so-called lambs and yearlings, occasional loads making \$25.50, and numerous

loads \$22.50 to \$24.50. These "sheep" were making finishers a fair margin of profit, something unusual in the yearling trade since last year's fiasco. But it must be remembered that Texas and other parts of the Southwest had to sell feeding lambs and yearlings \$10.00 to \$15.00, in instances \$20.00 per cwt. cheaper this year than last year when \$1.50 wool had intoxicated

# Washington

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prices moving about seasonally. He sees nothing too worrisome.

BAE backs Brannan up on his view of supplies and prices for the rest of the year. The economists forecast food supplies at least as plentiful as last year . . . also somewhat heavier marketing of crops and livestock than during the last half of 1951.

Fears of a feed grain shortage are easing in Washington. At the beginning of the producing season there was considerable doubt as to whether production would meet needs this year.

BAE estimates production of feed grains this year at 125 million tons . . . . 11 million more than last year and second only to 1948. Livestock experts think this production plus a carryover of 47 million tons is enough to meet probable domestic and export requirements. They believe it possible that the carryover into next year possibly will be boosted to above 50 millions tons.

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sheepmen in general to temporarily lose their heads, let us say. Most all "lambs and yearlings", comprised yearlings for the most part, but federal graders were not "too tough", so old croppers became popular, and made everyone a little money - much more definitely so than in between and lower grade spring lambs, not even wanted by big chain stores. The East had domestic and imported frozen lamb to sell in competition. The why of so many cull native lambs this year has excited wide trade comment

The above was what was going on when this story was written, but the future promised important changes. Firstly, it looked like high good to prime steers and yearlings stood on the brink of a substantial advance. Conversely, the signs pointed to declines on grassers and warmed up kinds, not only because of seasonal numbers out of domestic pastures and ranges but, importantly, because of a influx of Mexicans, the first in six years following the foot-and-mouth ban. Cheap steers, heifers, cows and heifers have been sliding down from their highs, but evidently additional declines are coming – on steers now selling at \$30.00 down, cows at \$21.50 and below, on grassy heiters, "ranny" calves, bulls and the like. So, if choice cattle advance \$1.00 to \$2.00, but lower grades along with mine-run butcher cattle decline that much, the spread between grass steers and toppy fed cattle will become wide, indeed.

Yet that's the way it looks for the future fat cattle trade. Naturally, the outlook in hogs is higher when vesicular exanthema influences abate, if and when. The trade expects \$25.00 and better after the various scares have passed. However, there has been so much publicity about the hog virus that consumers already have cut pork buying, another deterrent along this line being higher price ceilings granted wholesalers and retailers by OPS. Pork chops in big city retail shops are now flirting with \$1.00 per pound. This helps beef, at least lower grades of beef, until general "scaritis" leaves the hog and pork trades. It looks like the spring lambs trade up north is slated for a \$30.00 to \$31.50 market, with yearlings getting a pretty good play at least at \$25.00 down. Southern springers are dwindling, big runs out of the Southwest are out of the picture this year and Idahos at intermountain markets are being grabbed at \$28.00 down. The wool market blows hot and cold, mostly cold. Whether it means anything or not the trade is predicting a \$27.00 to \$29.00 winter market.

It seems, however, that a nebulous stocker and feeder trade in cattle as well as lambs for winter feeding is taking shape. At least a pattern is and yearlings. There are thousands of range cattle eminently suitable for replacement to sell, however, so the current market isn't a surety vet. Additionally, many in the combelt want western feeder lambs much closer to \$20.00 than obtain at the moment.

The above is the main reason why there will be no such wide spread between top steers and hogs as there was last winter. And sensing also that continuing inflationary tendencies in the national economy may hinder as well as, in instances, help the general livestock trade.

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showing up in most range states, Northwestern lambs for late delivery at \$22.50 down, choice calves at \$32.00 down after many name-brand calves have sold at \$33.50 to \$34.50, yearling stockers at \$28.00 down, some sales \$29.00 and better while twos are getting a call at \$26.00 down, better grades up to \$28.00. Above prices are lower than rangemen asked early but probably more than they expected in July following which time there was betterment both fed cattle, and fat lambs

Texas lambs and yearlings have become more popular recently at \$22.50 down to \$15.00 and below. With grain crops, including corn, maturing early the combelt has become anxious for something to stubblefeed and turn toward grain later, yet don't care, after last winter's losing experience, to go against Idaho feeding lambs at Ogden at \$25.00 or more. Now such lambs can be bought around \$24.25, but Illinois and Iowa winter finishers look at freight charges, awkwardly heavy weights and then go for the Texas offerings. California finishers bought many Idahos at Ogden to pasture on ladine clover, paying up to \$25.50. Remembering huge feeding losses last winter, combelt and commercial finishers are skittish unless they can buy lambs \$10.00 to \$15.00 under 1951 while cattlemen want to save \$8.00 to \$10.00, sensing, of course, that

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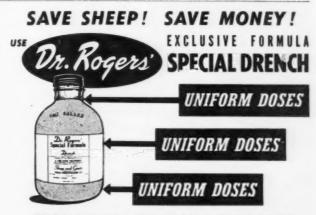
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Mrs. Sledge Wicup used to be able to sniff a youngun and tell right off if it was hers, but no more. He whole tribe went to 4-H camp where the leaders fed 'em little green

clorafill pills that kills smells. Now she ain't sure she got the right ones back.

I sure had the laugh on that salesman that called me up and tried to sell me a Caddilack. Told him I had never raised a stalk of cotton in my life.

I'm the only citizen of this community that ain't bein' ding-donged at to pay for things he bought on cerdit. I stopped buyin' on credit right after my credit was cut off, and it sure saves a lot of bother.

In Grandpa's time, cannidates got elected by kissin' babies. Now a cannidate kisses three or four babes and then he don't care whether he gets elected or not.

No licker was drunk on Squawberry Flat to rattify what the Democrats or G.O.P. done at Chicago. Only limmunaid, and not much of that.

If a man's wife is in a good humor, that's heaven enough for him. If she's in a bad humor, he'll go to hell to get away from her.

This country is a lot like a cat that has clumb a transmishun line tower and can't get down; a cat has sense enough to be scairt.

Things is sure tough here on Squawberry Flat. I wish they could stay this way, but they'll be twice as tough next year.

Papers say that Hollywood promises a new kind of sex appeal. It's about time. The old kind has lost most of its appeal. I been noticin' that ever since I was about 60.

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I dunno where Friday got its reppitation for bein' unlucky. Elections is always on Tuesday.

Us Texans can't enjoy our sin like we used to. It's bein' took up by too many of the wrong kind of people.

Josh Blicker says that whisky ruined his paw and now, to get even, Josh is huntin' all the whisky he can wrap his tonsils around.

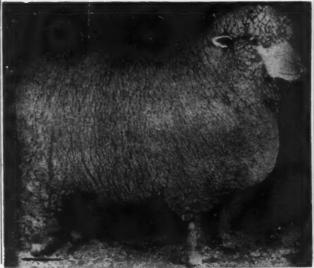
Nub Plinker heard last week that next year he comes into a pile of money from his grandpa's estate. Now he's lookin' for a guvvernment job where he can get some practice in fast and reckless spendin'.

After watchin' forty-leven keynoters, cannidates and plain pollitishuns on television, Clab Huckey's final conclusion is that he'd just as soon see Dagmar or that Emmerson gal.

Mrs. Hoxd Grazzey says that bein' married twice gets a woman all mixed up. She's never sure whether she wasted the best years of her life on her first husband or the second.

It's a fact that Josh Blicker never tells the truth, but you gotta give him credit for one thing – he never tells the same lie twice.

My niece Verbena, the one that married in June, finds cookin' plumb easy. Once you get all the cans open, says Verbena, the rest is a cinch.



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THE NEW MEXICO State Fair, September 27 through October 5, has issued its catalog which indicates that this year's event should be a good one.

The sheep department will feature most breeds of sheep of this country and will have a complete set of premiums for all competitive classes. Entries close September 15, according to the Superintendent, William Snyder.

The wool show emphasis is on fine wool fleeces and indications are that this year's competition will be quite strong. The Junior Wool Show is attracting considerable attention. Ivan Watson is Superintendent.

R. W. Reid, well known to Texas Angora goat breeders, is Superintendent of the Angora Goat Show which is one of the few now held by state fairs. A complete show is scheduled including registered bucks and does and long mohair goats and nonregistered Angora goats. Increasing interest is shown in this event. E. E. Daugherty, Leakey, was one of the Leakey goat breeders at the sale at Rocksprings. He has a nice flock of some 175 head of does and kids. He is also interested in registered Hereford cattle but believes the goats will make much more money per dollar invested. "They don't eat their heads off like cattle," he points out in advising the ranchmen to stock more goats.

Hubert Viertel, Route 2, Cranfills Gap, reports that he has had a surprisingly good business from his Shorthorn Breeder Directory listing in this magazine. "This directory has paid for itself many times over. It sure has been worth the money to me on Shorthorn and Angora goats, too." So far this year he has sold 20 head of bucks at \$50 average. His does sheared an average of seven pounds in March and he looks on them as good money makers.

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# The Need for Open-Face Rambouillet Rams

By Milton A. Madsen Assistant Professor, Animal Husbandry Dept. Utah State Agricultural College

FINE WOOLED sheep have been the foundation stock for range sheep production throughout the world. In the United States, Rambouillets have demonstrated they possess the basic characteristics needed for sheep production. They are hardy and long lived, easily managed under range conditions, have a long breeding season, produce thrifty lambs that made rapid gain, and with proper management produce lambs that find favor in the markets. Rambouillets shear heavy fleeces of fine, long stapled wool.

Rambouillets are adapted to a wide range of environments. They thrive in the arid and semi-arid range areas of the west, do well on the irrigated farms, successfully compete with other breeds in hilly sections of the east central states, and are well established in the warm areas of the south.

Since their introduction into the United States, several marked changes in type have been made to meet the changing conditions and needs of the producer. The most noticeable changes have been made in length of staple and amount of wrinkles and body folds on the sheep. Within the last quarter century the Rambouillet has changed from an excessively wrinkled, dense wooled, short stapled individual to a decidedly different appearing animal of long staple and complete absence of body wrinkles. Records indicate the change has caused little reduction, if any, in clean wool production and present type of wool is much longer, lower shrinking, and has a higher value per unit weight.

Sheep production is not a static enterprise. The economic and social conditions are constantly changing, necessitating changes in many agricultural practices. In most sections of the U. S. the returns from lamb are continuing to make up an increasing larger proportion of the total returns from the sheep business. Operators in many sections of the intermountain range areas are stressing the need for ewes that are regular breeders, capabile of producing more vigorous lambs, that will be heavy milkers and wean a larger percentage of fat market lambs. These demands add to the problems of the purebred sheep producer. This is par-ticularly true of the breeders of fine wool sheep who have in many in-stances tended to emphasize only wool production.

Experimental evidence indicates that one of the most practical methods of increasing the lamb production of fine wooled range ewes is to select sheep that do not have wool around the eyes or on the face. The Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory

at Dubois, Idaho, found that even when the wool was clipped from the head three times during the year, ewes with open faces produced 11.3 per cent more lambs and 11.1 more pounds of lamb per ewe bred than those with covered faces. The difference in wool production between the two groups was not large enough to be of economic importance. With a lamb price of 25 cents per pound, ewes with open faces will return approximately \$2.75 more per head than ewes with closed faces.

With the increased demand for lamb, intermountain sheep men continue to emphasize the open-face characteristic in their sheep. They have two alternative means by which they can obtain this character. They can select and breed open-face Rambouillet rams or use open-face rams of other breeds to cross on their ewes. Experiments have shown that the wool covering on the face is a highly hereditary trait. Australian wool growers have also conclusively demonstrated that sheep with open faces can produce heavy fleeces of fine long wool. There are comparatively few open-face high quality Rambouillets available. Rambouillet breeders are familiar with the fact that there is considerable variation in the amount of wool on the faces. This variation does offer the possibility that Rambouillets of this type can be developed and at the same time maintain the other desirable characteristics of the breed.

A grant has been made to the Utah State Agricultural Experiment Station by the Kennecott Copper companies to study the feasibility of producing Rambouillet sheep with the open-face character. During the past year Utah Rambouillet breeders have cooperated in furnishing a flock of foundation ewes for this study. At the present time an effort is being made to select additional open-faced individuals.

The principal objectives of this study are:

- Determine the feasibility of selecting and producing openfaced sheep comparable in other Rambouillet characters that will satisfy the demands of the commercial sheep producers of wool and lambs.
- 2. To make available individuals of this type to the breeders for continued improvement of this type of Rambouillet.

The overall objective is not to change the Rambouillet breed but rather to develop a type, through selection, that will extend the adaptability of this breed of fine wool sheep.

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### STILL IN BUSINESS

L. SCHWARTZ is the subject of stories whenever old timers of the Hill Country get together. Although he passed away sometime ago, an aggressive, thriving store in Uvalde still bears his name. A tale was told recently of storeman Schwartz looking on the wrong side of his ledger, seeing an 5800 credit which he took to be an over-due account. The account was turned to a lawyer and suit was filed. Naturally, the grower with an \$800 credit instead of a debt was

highly incensed and told Schwartz so in quite certain language.

"Mighty sorry, it's all right — just want you to know we're still in business! Do you want to borrow any money or buy something?"

L. A. Clark, Rocksprings, was one of the host ranchmen during the recent Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association sale at Rocksprings which saw goodly crowds come from all over West Texas. Mr. Clark spent quite a lot of time with his ranch friends and was heard to say "My goats have

done well — better than any other class of livestock. They have a better chance now of making money down here than anything else."

Tom Hampton, former Rock-springs ranchman, now living in the Valley, was at the sale of Angoras at Rocksprings. He has no goats now, having sold out at the start of the drouth. "Sure am lucky," he says. He is looking mighty fine after having serious illness and accidents during the past several years that kept him out of the ranch picture.

# ANGELO AREA CALLS OFF FORMAL RAINMAKING

THE 27-COUNTY project of rainmaking activities sponsored by the Colorado Water Association are being called off. The program is being dropped due to lack of interest among landowners and local groups. The group has been conducting impromptu operations through the area while attempts were being made to meet financial terms of a contract.

The San Angelo office closed Aug-

C. J. Schmid, chairman of the sponsoring association, announced from his Austin office that the Irving P. Krick, Inc. of Texas will continue its contract for projects at Waco, the Texas Panhandle and the South Plains.

# MORE SMUGGLING CHARGES

ON AUGUST 19, the Associated Press reported that two more West Texans were charged in the big cattle smuggling operations along the Texas-Mexico border near Sierra Blanca. Warrants were issued for Wayne Babb of Sierra Blanca and Herman L. Wilkerson of Big Spring.

Babb is a brother of Walter D. and Irving Babb named earlier on a smuggling complaint. Wilkerson is a brother of Fred and Leonard Wilkerson who were charged with driving trucks in which the smuggled cattle were hauled from the border to livestock sales rings.

The Bureau of Animal Industry and U. S. Customs inspectors are rounding up 123 head of cattle scattered within 100 mile radius of Austin. The cattle will not be destroyed as were the 233 head rounded up in July. These will be taken to packing plants and processed for meat. The

proceeds will be returned to ranches from which the cattle were stolen.

The entire case will be presented to a federal grand jury in El Paso in October. Others named in the original charge were Tom E. Grubb of Sierra Blanca and J. T. Marchant of Midland.

### J. R. FERNANDEZ BUYS COLORADO RANCH

J. R. FERNANDEZ of Raton, New Mexico recently bought the 2,500 acre Schafer Bros. Ranch just north of Walsenburg. Colorado.

of Walsenburg, Colorado.

About 150 Herefords have been moved to the new purchase by Fernandez and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Maez of Springer, N. M. Fernandez was an outstanding sheepman in New Mexico for 54 years before his retirement.

Bill Thach and Bob Weston handled the transaction.

Don Anderson, San Angelo livestock buyer, was back home on August 21 after spending 30 days on the Southern Pacific railroad. He was receiving lambs that he had purchased.

The weights averaged from 65 to 73 pounds, he said, and prices from 18 to 21 cents a pound.

From Jake Mayfield, Joe Taylor and Bob Robinson of Del Rio some 2,000 lambs were received by Bob Hurt and Al DuMain. The lambs, which are crossbred Columbias, weighed between 63 and 65 pounds and were loaded at Comstock.

E. D. Shurley of Sonora reports that his remaining cattle are doing well on mesquite beans. After the beans are gone he is looking to pear burning to carry him through. However, he'd much rather have raim.



### AT JUNCTION GOAT SALE

At the recent sale of Angora goats was Dr. Ted Holekamp, Junction, and his friends, Miss Edna Love, Mountain Home, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Love, who ranch some 24 miles southwest of Junction, and Mrs. Robert E. Love.



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# Purebred Sheep Association Notes

IT WAS voted at our annual meeting last year for each member to get one new member - How about it.

Our new breeders directory will be ready for distribution at the State Fair. It will be all pretty'ed up with pictures

Progam chairman Hamilton Choat, with help of John Bowen of Dallas promises a good time with eats at State Fair picnic pavilion 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 7th.

Houston Stock Show will have a Livestock Judging Contest this year and has asked our association to give one or two trophies to teams or individuals who excell in sheep. It will be necessary for the directors to decide what to do in this matter.

Some thought for location of our sale next year would be in order. If we can secure location early a better job of advertising can be done

A report from R. R. Walston on donation of our association to Junior Livestock Judging Team sent to Chi-cago must be had if we are to parti-cipate. Our donation was to be based on participation of other breed associations.

In order to present a united front on all matters pertaining to shows, and to more clearly define recommendations for each particular show, and to present only sound recom-mendations that have been studied. an amendment to our constitution will be presented to our next annual meeting for your consideration that all matters pertaining to shows be first cleared through this show committee composed of President, Vice-President, Secretary and one fine

wool and one medium wool director. We think the information below is correct, but write for catalog to be sure.

State Fair Of Texas

Sheep Department:
1. Sheep barn has been painted a

green. Ten additional pens have been added.

3. All sheep will be judged in livestock arena adjoining sheep barn. 4. One pen on end of aisle will be

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5. Tuesday, October 7th will be Purebred Sheep Breeders day at Fair with banquet in picnic pavilion at

6:00 P.M. 6. No weight limits on fat lambs. Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Sheep Department:

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4. Sift fat lambs on Friday, Jan-

uary 30th.
5. Purebred Sheep Breeders Day Feb. 3rd with our annual meeting in evening at time and place announced later.

Houston Fat Stock Show

Sheep Department:

1. Livestock Judging contest will be held this year.

2. No weight limits on fat lambs San Antonio Stock Show No reply to our inquiry.

### TOO MUCH STRESS ON SHOW POINTS?

H. C. NOELKE. Rambouillet and Corriedale breeder of Sheffield declares that sheep breeders may have been placing too much stress on the points of a sheep which go to make a good show animal instead of stress on those points which make for production. "For instance, a sway back ram might have a production record that is outstanding, while another and inferior producing animal, might win the shows." He went on to say "We must not stress the fancy points so much and go more on these points which puts more pounds of wool and lamb on the sheep - that's what we

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# IR LOGICAL MARKET

### HAYS CARRY ON PIONEER GOAT BREEDING WORK

Howard Hay and his son, Glen, Bee Bluff Ranch, Bandera, carry on one of the state's oldest goat breeding projects. The late George A. Hay, father of Howard Hay, was one of the originators of the goat industry in the state purchasing his first breeding animals from the late Frank Lan-drum. Original blood lines have been carried on and the best blood available has been secured to add to that which dates back to 1898. Last year the Hays purchased the top Angora buck of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association for \$725.00 from J. B. Reagan, Sr. of Leakev.

The Hay's Angoras were shown in the show this year and they showed well although they had only a short time to get the animals in shape.

The herd of goats on the Hay's ranch number about 650 of registered and grade does. Most of the bucks are sold at the ranch to fill the orders



on hand. This is the first year that they have been offered in the Association sale.

"The mohair industry faces a good future. We need to raise more mohair and the industry must expand to meet the need," declares Mr. Hav.

### CEDAR POST VERSUS TREATED PINE

TALES OF THE long life of cedar posts crop up whenever two ranchmen get together and there seems to be no end to the life of some. "Why, my grandfather planted those posts back in the '80s and they're still good," declares one ranchman who goes on to declare that "Cedar posts seem to be getting sorrier, scarcer and skinnier, indicating probably that grandpa could pick better posts than the average ranch fence builder

Nevertheless, the longevity of the cedar post has always been taken for granted and in the dry western air ranchmen agree that even a fair cedar post of correct size for the place it occupies should last from ten to twenty-five years and even longer

A new post has appeared upon the scene in recent years although railroads and telephone companies have always favored them. They are the

treated - the creosoted pine posts. Except in a few areas, pressure treated posts of pine have not been generally available but as cedar posts become higher in price and scarcer, the price of such treated posts became more in line with cedar posts and they have been made available in greater quantities.

One report has it that 956 tests have been made with 66 different chemicals in an attempt to defeat the termites, fungi and deterioration of pine when placed in the ground. In pressure treating posts are placed in huge cylinders and alternate vacuum and pressure applied to drive the creosote deeply into the wood. The life expectancy of such treated posts is figured to be around thirty years.

Texas is apparently proud of its highest peak, for the mountain locat-ed in Culberson County with an altitude of 8,751 feet, has been given three names: Signal Peak, Guadalupe Mountain and El Capitan. All the names are of Spanish origin.

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# Another Record Set at the Sixth All-American Corriedale Sale

COMMENTS SUCH as "A Swell Sale," "A most successful Sale," and other similar remarks could be heard in Marion, Ohio, July 8, after the Sixth Annual All-American Corriedale Sale. Purchasers beamed, pleased with the quality of the new animals they had obtained. Consignors were extremely happy with the prices their entries brought.

The day before the sale a committee of three men placed the entries in three groups. The Blue Ribbon Group was described as high caliber stud — excellent breeding sheep. The Red Ribbon Group was of stud caliber — superior breeding sheep. The White Ribbon Group was extra good commercial — good breeding sheep. In an effort to have the judging be as unbiased as possible, the men chosen for the judges were from three different section of the country. H. H. Walker, Gambier, Ohio, represented the Eastern States. Lloyd F. Smith, Cantril, Iowa, represented the Midwest, and Lee Crane, Santa Rosa, California, judged for the Western States.

One hundred and fifty-seven Corriedales were cataloged for the sale from the nation's leading flocks, of which 140 actually arrived at Marion, and were sold. Purchasers came from ten different states, looking for animals that would make good additions to their flocks. Total sale receipts came to \$21,475.00, making an average of \$153.39 per head sold.

The grand champion ram was a yearling consigned by R. F. Hesler of Cantril, Iowa. He was a truly outstanding animal and topped the sale at one thousand dollars, going to three noted Ohio breeders; Ray Gatewood of Caledonia, Guy L. Green of Peoria, and H. H. Walker of Gambier.

The reserve champion ram, a yearling consigned by A. L. King, Cheyenne, Wyoming, sold for \$600.00 to William E. Levis, Castalia Farms, Castalia, Ohio. A yearling ram consigned by H. H. Walker sold to M. W. Borah of Olney, Illiniois, for \$625.00. Because Mr. Walker was on the judging committee he refused to allow his ram to compete for the champion or reserve champion awards. Another high seller was a splendid

yearling ram consigned by Bonvue Ranch, Golden, Colorado. He sold for \$600.00 to F. A. Phillips, Pillow, Pennsylvania. The four yearling rams that received blue ribbons in the show sold for an average of \$693,75.

sold for an average of \$693.75. Nineteen red ribbon vearling rams averaged \$275.75. There were 17 white ribbon yearling rams that brought an average of \$172.65.

There were two 2-year-old rams in the sale, consigned by Guy L. Green. One received a blue ribbon award and was sold to George W. Minton, Greenville, Ohio, for \$270.00. The other received a red ribbon award and went to George W. Kruger, Newark, Arkansas, for \$200.00.

Three red ribbon ram lambs averaged \$116.33, with the high seller going to Don A. Cotner, Cardington, Ohio, at \$200.00. The lamb was consigned by Lowry N. Smith, New Brighton, Pennsylvania, and was bred by J. F. and H. H. Walker.

Two white ribbon ram lambs averaged \$87.50.

The average on the 47 rams sold was \$202.66.

The sale average on the 93 head of ewes sold came to \$102.45.

### MEXICAN CATTLE TO COME IN

MORE THAN 500,000 cattle off the ranges of Mexico are expected to come into this country within a twelve-month period if the United States Department of Agriculture holds to its announcement that the embargo will be lifted September 1. For more than five years Mexican cattle have been strictly prohibited because of the outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in that country.

What effect this cattle influx will have on the livestock market is not known. Some believe that the feeder market will be depressed; others declare that the numbers to be thrown on the market will not be as great as anticipated and will be readily absorbed. It is pointed out that the cattle that do come in are likely to be thin as Northern Mexico has been suffering from a severe drouth.

Sheep prices are not likely to be influenced by cattle imports, believe the ranchmen; however, if cattle prices are materially depressed some say that lamb prices might suffer a sympathetic reaction.

Canada, which had a severe outbreak of hoof and mouth disease some months ago, has been declared free of trouble as of August 19. However, it is likely that many months will pass before the Canadian embargo of cattle shipments will be lifted.

Otto Vaughan of Oklahoma City, who owns a part of the Mile High Ranch at Vaughan, N.M., bought 20 registered yearling Rambouillet rams from R. O. and Rushing Sheffield of San Angelo. These rams were shipped with 550 head of yearling ewes purchased from DeWolf and West.

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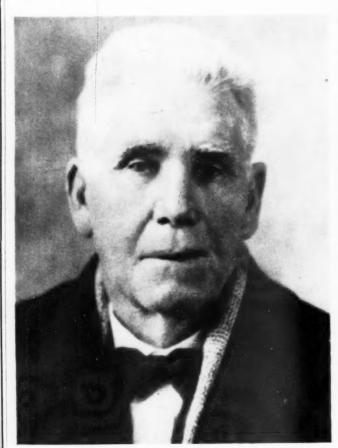
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# D. Hart Made Good Reading Out of Trans-Pecos History



DOMINICK HART
(This picture taken shortly before his death)

THE FIRST MAN to make large scale sheep operations pay in the Trans-Pecos region was a horse trader at heart and probably a wise poker player, for he quit the game while he was still winning. He was D. Hart known far and wide for his ready with and shrewd trading ability. A vigorous individual, Hart was more vivid by nature than most fiction characters created by imagination marathons.

Men in the Sanderson country today who remember Dominick Hart, say that he was a short, stocky man with a moustache as bushy as a mesquite flat. This picture, secured by the magazine recently and probably made in the late years of his life, shows him clean-shaven. An Irish immigrant, Dominick Hart came to Texas in the early 80's, and soon made enough money herding sheep near Carrizzo Springs to buy a flock of his own.

Always a student of the market, he sold his sheep just as the prices were starting down in 1893 and bought them back at half the price a year later

Business in a big way began in 1895 when he moved west of the Pecos near Pumpville. He bought 76 sections of land at 27 cents per acre when the old Pecos Land and Cattle

Company dissolved. By 1905 he controlled all the land from Sanderson Canyon on the west, Independence on the north, the Pecos on the east, and the Rio Grande on the south. Also in 1905 he bought 5,000 horses at \$4.00 per head, and less, mostly less, according to his son, Dominick Hart, Jr., who is still living at Fort Worth and from whom much of this information was secured.

Hart always kept from 17 to 18 men for his horses and cattle. Some have reported that as many as 60 men were employed for tending his sheep, but this is denied by his son. "He just didn't hire that many, and seldom would he have over 25 men working. He paid about \$18 per month to his men, but sheep herders got less — around \$12 per month."

One of the highlights in the career of this amazing character, was his bold attempt to corner the Boston wool market. He tried to get control of the wool supply of the country and nearly got the job done, but after two years in Boston, he gave the deal up as a bad job after dropping a huge sum of money for his efforts. This is estimated to have been at least \$100,000. His son declares that this is exaggerated.

Despite the licking he took trying

to bottle the Boston market, he was able on his return to Texas to buy more land at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1.50 per acre. In 1907, he controlled more than 1,000 sections of land. So large was his spread that even he could not know how many head of livestock he had.

"He had a great number of sheep, cattle, and horses, and although it was a hard job to keep up with them, he did know what was going on. The ignorance attributed to him regarding his holdings and livestock numbers is not quite a fact," Dominick Hart, Jr., points out.

While it is true that many of Mr. Hart's neighbors profited from the surplus Hart cattle and horses, this too, is largely an exaggeration. Horses, which went uncaught for 10 or 15 years, were too rowdy and wild for practical use and consequently were not highly prized by either Mr. Hart or his neighbors.

The Hart brand, first burned in 1906, was a heart on the shoulder of horses and on the ribs of cattle ond on the sides of sheep, besides the nose brands. Later he put a D on one hip of the cattle and a heart on the other hip; horses were branded similarly.

While it is rumored that several people made fortunes out of Hart cattle, Dominick Hart, Jr., says this is not true. "Some tried to change the Hart brand to a Diamond X and some tried to turn 'Harts' into Butterflies, but this failed. I don't remember of any one getting by with this. He had an idea that it was his right to keep what was his, and he did fairly well following this idea."

At one time he had 1,500 saddle horses and about that many when he sold out. His goats which numbered about 1,500 head, were kept mainly for the ranch's meat supply. He was one of the state's largest holders of sheep — having at one time 78,000 head, which is just about tops for all time sheep ownership in this state.

The first shearing plant in this section of Texas was built by D. Hart. His son describes the plant as being set up in a long building with a single power plant with 25 drops on each side. All the sheep were rounded up and centered to this plant, supplanting the hand shearing operations of earlier days.

The Hart sheep were Delaines, according to his son, and they produced a good grade of wool practically all of pulsely was 8 month's clinically all

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An additional livestock activity of Dominick Hart, consisted of a 200 cow dairy some five miles west of Del Rio. The dairy was successful, apparently, and for a while furnished milk, butter, and cheese to Del Rio and San Antonio. It is rumored that D. Hart had ideas of establishing a large cheese market — a virtual monopoly — in Mexico City. His son declares that there is little to this.

The dispersion of this vast ranch empire of more than 640,000 acres of Southwest Texas ranch land transpired rapidly as age began to creep upon the testy old Irishman. In 1916, he sold Sydney Webb all his lands north of the Southern Pacific Railroad at \$2.00 per acre. The cattle and some of the other livestock also went to Webb. About the same time. Hal Hamilton and Jim White bought all the land south of the tracks at

about the same price. A year later, James M. Bassett bought the balance of the unsold livestock and also Webb's land holdings. Of his vast sheep numbers, he had 20,000 at his retirement from the ranch business. These he sold to Jim Hamilton, Del Rio, for \$6.00 a head.

D. Hart moved from his ranches in 1916 to live in Fort Worth, buying property in north Fort Worth to establish an independent packing company. World War I broke out shortly thereafter and the project had to be abandoned. He purchased some real estate and lived for 15 years. He had three children, Janet Hart Chambers. Fort Worth; Martin Andrew Hart, who died in 1945; and Dominick Hart, Jr., who is living in Fort Worth. The latter has a son, William A. Hart.

The Hart ranch holdings remain only as a memory except for one section, called the Shafter Crossing, near Comstock. However, quite a little mineral rights were retained when the land was sold.

Dominick Hart was a character of the Old West. He was tough. He was also hard working and smart. He took great glee in making a trade and coming out with the best end of the bargain. He was not above taking advantage of a neighbor's misfortune and some of the old-timers will tell you that the neighbor's trouble might have been hurried on a little by Hart's ingenuity and cupidity. He was quite quarrelsome at times, but was never prone to enter into actual combat or shooting, although some old-timers can recount

instances where firearm activity was avoided only by the narrowest margin.

Dominick Hart personified a type of early day ranchmen who had to fight to build. His business ethics probably would not stand the test of modern standards and probably would fall shy of most of those of his own time and country. He was a rather ruthless builder in a remote hardbitten country, familiar with hard-times, poverty, and heartless competition. Daily contact with every type of man was the lot of this ranchman. Here in this broad land of searing summer heat and bitter winter cold, he matched his wits and will with the outlaws, the Mexicans, his neighbor ranch people – honest and dishonest – the law – what little there was - and capricious nature, herself.

Most of the old-timers who remember well Dominick Hart speak of him as a hard man. Few speak of him as a kindly character, and this is true of most of those early ranchmen who built great empires. The inflexibility of his nature combined with the ruggedness of his environment spurred by an insatiable ambition afforded scant time for those human attributes which made a man a good neighbor. Whatever Dominick Hart was, one thing stands out: he was, undoubtedly the most unique of all early-day West Texas ranchmen.

Jack Richardson of Uvalde has sold everything but his goats. This is the first time in 33 years that he has not had sheep. He has just finished disposing of 3,000 yearling ewes which he started peddling early in the summer. He sold them in bunches of 250 to 800 at an average price of \$16.25 per head.

"Until the drouth is broke and broke again, I'm not going back," he declared.

Nelson Johnson, San Angelo ram dealer, purchased 850 mixed Columbia-Rambouillet crossbred lambs from Joe Barton of Sterling City. The lambs averaged 60 pounds and were shipped to California.

At Junction, the first week in August, Percy Roberts of San Angelo bought 300 old Angora does for 5 and 6 cents a pound.

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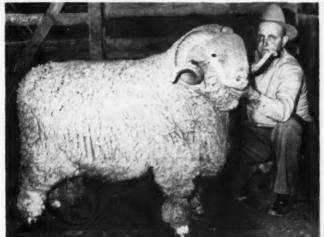
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Twenty-six men are now employed in the building of 39 different styles of trailers in addition to any type of custom trailer desired by an individ-

With the new addition, Gray has the biggest plant in the world for horse trailers and small stock trailers to be pulled behind automobiles. Gray has salesmen covering the entire United States in the interest of Gray Trailers. He has a new catalogue – free for the asking – on 16 of his special model horse and stock trailers.

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S. F. Lackey, Kimble County ranchman and president of the Kimble County Registered Livestock Breeders Association, has reported the sale of 27 registered Angora bucks. The goats averaged \$58.50 each. They

were on his ranch on the North Llano.

Mr. Lackey noted that his goats had done unusually well this year. His adults averaged over 11 pounds of mohair in two shearings.

### SHEEP AND GOAT MEN TO BE HONORED

THE TEXAS Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association will be honored Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the 67th annual State of Texas, Ray W. Wilson, State Fair livestock manager has announced.

The association will be honored at Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association Day, paying tribute to the association and its members for their outstanding efforts and achievements in developing the sheep industry in Texas.

Tom Hinton of Keller, president of the association, has announced that a banquet will be sponsored Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Various fair activities emphasizing the sheep industry will be staged throughout the day.

Sheep judging shows scheduled for Oct. 7 include: Hampshire and Shropshire sheep, 9 a.m., Livestock Arena; Other sheep and goat judging contests include Delaine-Merino and Rambouillet sheep, 9 a.m., Livestock Arena, Oct. 8, and Angora Goats, 9 a.m. Livestock Arena, Oct. 9. A Junior Sheep Show will be featured Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. in the Livestock Arena.

The Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association will be honored Thursday, Oct. 9, at the 67th annual State Fair of Texas.

That day has been proclaimed Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association Day, to honor the association and its members for their outstanding efforts and contributions to the Angora goat industry during the past year.

A highlight of the special day will be the Angora goat show and judging contest in the Livestock arena at 9 a.m. A total of \$850 will be awarded Angora goat winners during the show.

Angora goat winners during the show. The 1952 State Fair livestock shows will exhibit 27 different breeds of dairy and beef cattle, horses, swine, sheep, and Angora goats.

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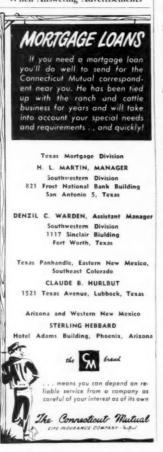
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# Use of Pitted Areas In Grass Cultivation

By C. A. Rechenthin Soil Conservation Service Fort Worth, Texas

ALONG THE HIGHWAY leading into Big Bend National Park across Tornillo Flats, visitors see to the right and left an almost solid carpet of grasses. A few years ago this was only barren soils, almost devoid of vegetation except for cresote and other desert brush. Now it is a fine example of man giving Mother Nature an assist in getting useful cover back on the land.

Most of the grasses are annuals that mature and dry up soon after rains, but amid the annuals are perennial grasses that remain year after year, sprouting anew each season from the roots.

The National Park Service decided when the park was purchased that it would try to restore the area to its original condition. Old-timers tell that before large herds of livestock were brought in the area, almost a million acres, it was covered with good grasses.

It is certain that the grasses were not as thick and productive as those of some other Texas areas, but they were nutritious, and in times of rain they furnished a lot of grazing to wild game, mostly deer and antelope.

Large herds of livestock were brought into the area shortly before the turn of the century. Drought and livestock took a heavy toll of the grass. Severest damage, and the most lasting, was done as the livestock continued grazing the grass during and after a drought when it needed a chance to recover from the setback.

By 1945, a large part of the park area was devoid of any grasses. Only in the more mountainous area, where rainfall was greater and soils more absorptive, did the grasses maintain themselves to any degree.

The part known as Tornillo Flats is an almost flat area, where soils vary from heavy clays to sands. When the grass cover was grazed off, the soils crusted and little of the meager rainfall was able to penetrate. Most of the rainfall ran off, and soon the area resembled a desert, with only sparse shrubs present.

Occasionally when \$10 w soaking rains fell, a number of annuals appeared, but they were short-lived. Most of the annuals were weeds.

When the Park Service took over in 1945, Dr. Ross Maxwell, the park superintendent, and others of his staff studied the area. Knowing that the Soil Conservation Service assisting soil conservation districts, had attempted revegetation in many parts of the semi-arid southwest, they asked the Big Bend Soil Conservation District for some technical advice.

Revegation specialists of the Soil Conservation Service and officials of the National Park Service carefully analyzed the conditions, and developed a program. One of the first steps was to get seeding equipment. One piece of equipment was a recently developed machine designed to roughen and open up the soil to help it absorb rainfall. The machine is a "pitter," a disk plow with disks off center. In rotating half the disks are plowing depressions in the soil's surface, while the others are above the ground. The effect is a series of alternating pits. These depressions catch and hold rainfall until it can be absorbed by the soil. The pits will hold

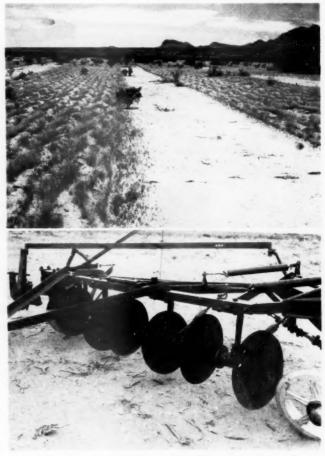
almost an inch of rainfall, if the pitting is in a solid pattern.

The Park Service also used a bull-dozer to push up a series of small dams, or gully plugs, across washes These plugs catch small amounts of runoff and give the grasses a chance to start.

The Park Service has treated nearly 2,000 acres in Tornillo Flats by pitting and by gully plugs. Each year the treatment is applied to more land. In addition, a large amount of seed of native perennials, locally collected was seeded over the pitted areas.

The response of grasses and vegetation to the treatment has been astonishing. In June and early July of this year, the Park Service recorded as much as 4 inches of rain at the headquarters. From 2 to 4 inches fell on Tornillo Flats. A large amount of runoff occurred on areas that had not been treated. In the area where the soils had been pitted, there was little runoff. Instead the moisture was held by the pits and absorbed by the soil.

The area began to become a rich green color. In a few weeks, instead



(Top) An area in Tornillo Flats, Big Bend National Park, where grasses are growing in a pitted area. The barren strips have not been pitted, and almost no rain penetrated the desert crust, and no grasses or plants are growing, even though as much as 4 inches of rain fell on the area. The Park Service has seeded the area with native perennial grasses, and many seedling are to be found.

Bottom) A close-up of one type of plow being used for pitting. The disks are off-center, and as they revolve one is cutting a depression while the ones next to it are above the ground. The pits or depression hold rain water, and allow it to be absorbed for use of the plants

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of barren soils, the area that had been pitted was covered by an almost solid stand of grasses.

Among the annual grasses and the weeds that have predominated, seedlings of the native grasses are now found. Blue grama, cottontop, mesa and sand dropseed. black grama, trichlons and others are there. Most of the

seeds had been placed there by the Park Service, and some had blown or washed down from hillsides where a little grass had survived. These seeds were caught in the depressions where they sprouted. Many of the annuals matured and dried up, but they are furnishing a protective litter for the

# Drouth-Stricken Ranges Hurt Junction All-Breed Sheep Sale

LEM JONES, auctioneer, sweated and velled, argued and plead but the hot menace of drouth-stricken ranges prevailed and the fifth annual All-Breed Sheep Sale at Junction went

down into the books as a poor one. The average on 107 head of range rams sold was \$30.50; the average of 37 ewes was \$22.50. Three of the four rams placed as studs sold for

an average of \$130.

The tops of the sale were Rambouillet rams of A. W. Keys. Eldorado, and George Parker, 4-H Club boy of Harper. Each brought \$150.00, the former selling to Dr. Ted Holekamp of Junction and the latter to Clarence A. Parker, Roosevelt. W. T. Orrell, Leakey, paid \$125.00 for a Rambouillet stud ram of Scotty Menzies. 4-H Club boy of Menard. Two of the four studs selected for sale were from the flocks of 4-H Club boys

In the sale there was represented the Rambouillet breed and 80 head brought an average of \$29.00, 82 un-Corriedale, one for \$35, 9 unsold: Delaine, two for \$60, 22 un-sold: Suffolk, 4 for \$49, 5 unsold: Southdown, one, which was not sold. Columbias were represented in the ewe sale, but not in the ram offer-

While the quality of the sheep was above the average for this sale, the buyers were few. In spite of the draggy bidding, some good sales were made, and both buyer and sellers seem to agree that under the circumstances, the sale was worthwhile although "a good rain would have changed

The sales manager for the Hill Country Fair Association, sponsors, was Vernon Jones, Kimble County

Mans Hoggett of Mertzon, noted Polled Hereford breeder, has sold all his breeding herd because of drouth. He sold 85 head including cows, calves and bulls to N. M. Barnett of Melvin and W. W. Woodward of Sabinal

He retained 10 unbred heifers and one young bull, Choice Anxiety 4th, for seed stock.

Hoggett has been building up his Polled Hereford since 1927 when he went into partnership with R. A. Halbert of Sonora.



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## Goats Decline and Sheep Weaken At Texas Markets

TEXAS GOAT prices suffered sharp losses during the first 19 days of August and sheep markets followed a weaker tendency

However, the decline in sheep and lamb prices was not as pronounced in Ft. Worth as it was in San Antonio, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reported.

The weather played an important role in sheep and goat markets again this month. Hot, dry weather prevailed over most of the range country. In spite of scattered rain, which offered temporary relief to parched grass, extreme drought conditions over a wide area continued to take a toll of range and forage feeds. Naturally, supplemental feeding has become necessary in many cases. In others, sheep and goat ranchers have been forced to cut down the size of their herds due to high feed costs and lack of grazing facilities

Then, too, some ranchers have started shearing the fall wool and mohair clip. While their herds are off the range for clipping, they cull out undesirable animals before sending flocks back to the range and hill country. This adds to already heavy shipments of sheep and goats to yards.

Nearly three times as many goats arrived at San Antonio from Aug. 1-18 as during the same period in July. The 7,600 goats offered this month also ran about 15 per cent larger than a year earlier.

Under pressure from increased receipts, mature goats moved \$1.75 to \$2.50 per hundredweight lower in early August. By mid-month, medium shorn Angora and Sjanish type goats were selling around \$6 to \$6.50. Cull and common lots cleared the yards at \$.50 to \$5.25.

Kid goats sold anywhere from 25c to \$1.25 below the close of July's trade with most sales listed at \$4.25 to \$5.25 per head.

The weather tendency in Texas sheep and lamb markets reflected a similar trend in wholesale prices for dressed lamb and mutton. Also, increased marketings exerted some pres-

sure on the market for live animals. Offerings of sheep and lambs at Ft. Worth and San Antonio through Aug. 18, totaled nearly 59,000 head. This was about eight per cent larger than the same period a month earlier,

but was nearly twice as large as a year ago. Of the 59,000 sheep and lambs yarded in Texas this month, a little more than 49,000 went to Ft. Worth and about 9,600 went to San Antonio.

Almost half of the run was comprised of old ewes. This was the first time in several months that ewes have been offered so liberally.

While sheep and lamb marketings were on the increase in Texas, USDA's "1952 Lamb Crop Report" showed that Texas had a 10 per cent smaller lamb crop this year. The extended drought conditions accounted for much of the reduction. USDA estimated a 2,364,000 head

lamb crop in Texas this year . . . the smallest since 1935. And, the number of early lambs was 45 per cent below the previous year. However, for the United States, the 1952 lamb crop managed to show a two per cent gain over the 1951 crop.

Here's how Texas sheep and lamb prices reacted to trade conditions during the first 18 days of August.

Practically all classes of slaughter and replacement sheep and lambs averaged about \$1 lower than July's close at San Antonio. Some feeder lambs were off as much as \$2. Prices showed little change at Ft. Worth with the exception of a 50c lower market on ewes. This was due primarily to the heavy proportion of ewes in the run.

By mid-August, good and choice spring lambs went to slaughter at \$25 to \$27 per hundredweight. Utility and good lots brought \$20 to \$24 at Ft. Worth and \$17 to \$21 at San Antonio.

Good slaughter yearlings were scarce at Ft. Worth, but a few sold at \$16 to 17. Two-year-olds made \$15. San Antonio turned good wethers at \$8.

Cull and utility grade slaughter ewes bulked at \$5 to \$6.25 in San Antonio and at \$6 to \$7 in Ft. Worth, with a few good lots up to \$8.

Outlets for replacement sheep and lambs were not too broad this month due to the drought. This was especially true in the San Antonio area. However, many offerings in Ft Worth moved to Kansas and Oklahoma where good rains helped grazing conditions. Consequently, the market was in a much weaker position in the Alamo City than in Ft. Worth.

Common to good feeder lambs moved out at \$12 to \$19 at Ft. Worth while good fleshy feeder year-lings took \$15. Medium and good feeder lambs cleared San Antonio at \$15 to \$16 and solid mouth breeding ewes at \$7

Hogs showed a downward trend, losing 25c at Ft. Worth and 50c to 5c at San Antonio. This decline

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reflected losses of as much as 5c a pound in wholesale dressed pork. Feeder pig trade was poorly tested due to restrictions against shipping as a result of vesicular exanthema disease at some stockyards.

Dry, hot weather also brought increased marketings of cattle and calves in Texas during the early part of August. Some of the heaviest runs of the year turned up at Ft. Worth, with a couple of cattle runs the largest in more than five years. Pricewise, grass steers and yearlings and replacement cattle were around \$1 to \$2 lower, while cows managed to gain \$1 to 2.

R. B. Tate, Bexar County Agricultural agent, has been appointed general livestock superintendent for the 1953 San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

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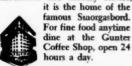
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# MORE TEXAS FALL WOOL SOLD DURING AUGUST

EARLY IN August, Jack Hughes, buyer for Emery, Russell and Goodrich, Boston, bought 250,000 pounds of fall wool at the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co.; 55,000 pounds from Ranchers' Wool & Mohair Commission Co., Ingram; and 15,000 pounds from the Sanderson Wool & Mohair Co. Most of these purchases were around 50 cents a pound.

Bill Fields, buying for Albert A. Schneider, Boston, purchased 54,000 pounds at Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co. at 51 cents; 55,000 pounds at Producers Wool and Mohair, Del Rio, at 52 cents; 75,000 pounds at Ozona at 51½ cents and 110,000 pounds at Uvalde at 50 cents.

August 20, the sale of more than 1,300,000 pounds of 1951 fall short wool was made in Del Rio. Approximately a million pounds was sold by Del Rio Producers' to Jack Hughes at prices mostly from 50 to 51 cents. A small amount sold at 48 cents a pound.

C. J. Webre, representing the Boston firm of Forte, Dupee, Sawyer, got 63,000 pounds of 1951 fall wool at 51½ cents a pound at Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co. Al Krueger for Edgehill, Lukens Co., bought 30,000 pounds of short wool at the same price, from the same warehouse.

Also at Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co., Earnest Woodward, buying for Conant and Company, purchased 175,000 pounds of 1951 fall wool at 51 cents a pound, and Bill Fields of French Worsted Mills bought 64,000 pounds of 1951 fall wool at the same price. These sales cleared the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company of the 1951 fall wool with the exception of a few clips.

There were two reported sales of 12-months wool during the month, and both were made by J. W. Vaughan of Vaughan Brothers, San Angelo. The first was 70,000 pounds at Del Rio which brought 57 to 61 cents and the second was 100,000 pounds bought at Hollis Blackwell Warehouse in Goldthwaite, the Carl Cloud Warehouse in Lampasas, the Tom Williams Warehouse in Florence and various warehouses in San Angelo. The price on these latter purchases ranged from 40 to 57½ cents a pound.

### Mohair

One sale of about 100,000 pounds of fall mohair was reported at 86½ cents per pound for adult hair and \$1.16½ for kid mohair. The sale was made subject to any rise in the mohair market between now and October 1.

In recent weeks the market for mohair fluctuated from 91½ cents down to 85 cents for adult mohair. By August 25, adult mohair offers were out at 75 cents but there were no takers.

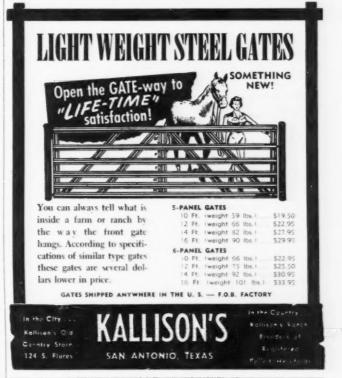
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# Interest High in "Miss Wool" Wardrobe

"MISS WOOL" was one of the main topics of conversation at the National Fashion Exhibitors of America held in Fort Worth in mid-August. This buyers' market, conducted quarterly, is one of the big three of the United States. Retail stores throughout the nation are carrying woolen garments which were selected or designed especially for "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids" by 26 of the leading nationally advertised manufacturers. At this Fort Worth market, many of these garments for Miss Wool's wardrobe were shown.

There are many new woolen fabrics which are playing a leading role this year in the fall fashion drama.

As Dorothy Roc, Associated Press fashion editor says, "American manufacturers have scored a smash hit this year in turning out a dazzling array of woolens in new textures, new weights, new colors, providing designers with inspiration for winter costumes of giltedge distinction.

"Suits for fall make much of combining textured and smooth-surface woolens dyed to an exact color match, for a new tailored look.

Poodle fabric in feather-light weights are used with smooth, silky flamel for a number of high-style suits and costumes. The silky-napped zybeline also plays an important part in many of the new coats and suit fashions. Textures range from deepnapped to knotted, looped or curled surfaces, many of which look like fur. Colors often are muted by combining with black in the weave of the fabric.

"Spongy, chiffon-weight tweeds also are in high favor for fall. At ten paces the fabrics look like heavy, sturdy, traditional tweeds, but on close inspection turn out to be almost sheer. This makes it possible for designers to use them in soft, rounded silhouettes that point up femininity.

"Dress-weight woolens include a number of shantung-weave worsteds, chiffon-weight zybelin and chiffon flannel, the later being most popular in yam-dved muted colors.

"This is a year when Fabrics tell the story of fashion and women can choose fall wardrobes on an investment basis."

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and Auxiliary is sponsoring the Miss Wool contest for Texas girls, unmarried, between the ages of 18 and 25 and wearing a size 12 garment. The purpose of the contest is to spur the public interest in wool, and prove that there is a place in everybody's budget for wool. Application blanks may be obtained from any Chamber of Commerce in Texas or by writing to: "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids," Box 712, San Angelo, Texas. Deadline for entries is October 10.

The girl chosen "Miss Wool" will receive an entire woolen wardrobe designed and selected especially for her by the famous manufacturers. The wardrobe is valued in excess of \$2,000. A number of outstanding millinery creations will be presented to "Miss Wool." also.

The ten girls who are chosen as Miss Wool attendants will receive their manugiration gowns which have been designed especially for them by Irene Karol, Inc. The fabulous dresses will be full length woolens appropriate for any occasion requiring very special formal attire.

Watch your local newspapers and this magazine for some spectacular announcements soon in regard to "Miss Wool's" entertainment.

The San Angelo Board of City Development, through which all applications must go before they are forwarded to a New York Modeling Studio for selection of the eleven finalists, reports that applications are being received daily from all over the state.

Representatives from every segment of the wool industry — from fleece to fabric will be in attendance at the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association annual convention in San Angelo, November 10-12. One of the goals of this convention will be to have the largest attendance in the history of the Association — to better acquaint growers with other industries whose livelihood is largely wool also.

### Notes

WOOL NOTE: "We do not believe the financial crisis in South America will greatly affect the fine and halfblood grades, for that portion of the clip is pretty well used up."

— National Wool Clip.

CLOTHING NOTE: "The Clothing books for fall are good. Manufacturers say advance orders for season indicates best business for five years."

-New York Times

PRODUCTION NOTE: "Fine wools of Merino grades are virtually non-existent in the South American surplus. The only new source of supply for these wools of which the United States is the largest single user will be the 1952-53 world wool clip. Production of the bulk of these wools is confined to the British Dominions and the United States."

- Wool Bureau

United States mills consumed a fourth less apparel and carpet wool in the first four months of 1952 than they did during the comparable period of 1951.

In the long run, a regular schedule of farm machinery maintenance and upkeep will save time and money.

U. S. farm wage rates on July 1, without room or boards, averaged 87 cents an hour, up about 6 per cent from a year earlier.

THE NEW, deep look in a beautiful high crown beaver with clusters of beads and sequins outlined by braid, makes a hat of unusual beauty by Frank M. Benson. This Betty Jean Original, known as Smokey Zybelin Texas Mohair, is made on a very fine wool stock a full coat with four gore back. The sleeves are set deeply in the armholes, accented by tight cuffs. The double stitching detail, velvet lined roll-tie collar and button hole pockets make this 36-inch shorty with milium taffeta lining a "must" for every wardrobe. Door prizes of these fine Texas Mohair coats will be given away to several lucky ticket holders at the "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids" Fashion Revue. The coat is made by Louis Walter & Co. and is being shown by Cargill Perry, Texas Representative.



THIS COAT in Miss Wool's wardrobe is designed for the most discriminating lady by Ellis of California. Styled with a cardigan neckline of luxurious imported check wool embellished with elegant deep fox cuffs. Presented in the National Fashion Exhibitors Showing in Fort Worth by Harry A. Davis, Ellis' Texas Representative. The far Eastern influence is embodied in this beautiful black millinery creation of velvet and felt. The semicoolie crown has a trim of velvet ribbon and jet beads making an exotic hat of unusual style and beauty designed by Frank M. Ben-





"MISS WOOL After Five" is the official name of this strapless white dress with detachable, fitted, lime green, shoulder stole made of finest Wyner's all wool "Sag-No-More" jersey. Designed by Irene Karol, Inc. and shown by Edna\_Stollmack, the company's Texas Representative, this garment is most lucious with passementerie gold trimming. The inauguration dresses for "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids" are being designed by Annabelle Weissenberger, executive designer of Irene Karol, Inc.

## 250 Women See Miss Wool Garments in Kerrville Show

STANDING ROOM was scarce at the Hill Country showing of some of "Miss Wool's" garments, August 25, as more than 250 women attended. The luncheon style show was sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and was held in the Riverside Terrace of the Blue Bonnet Hotel in Kerrville. The fashion parade featured several of the garments, made or selected by nationally advertised manufacturers especially for "Miss Wool and Her Ten Pretty Maids" Fashion Revue to be held in San Angelo, November 10-12, during the annual Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association convention. Many of the garments, specified for Miss Wool's wardrobe are now available stores throughout the nation. Clothes for this show were from stores in the Hill Country carrying these lines which are co-operating in the first "Miss Wool" program.

Miss Ada Mae Montell is president of the Hill Country Chapter and Mrs. Louis Strohacker was chairman for the show. Mrs. Felix Real, Jr. was commentator. Models were women and children from ranches in the Hill Country area.

Table decorations were unique and colorful. Centerpieces were made of graceful twigs wrapped with wool and mohair yarms which were combined in an arrangement with honeycomb rock, shell and other natural formations.

The stage ramp was raised against a background of gilded oak and cedar foiliage. Mrs. J. S. Colley furnished organ music for the event. Special musical entertainment was provided by Miss Janc Ann McCall in a western number with accordian: a n d Karen Ann Dittmar of Harper who danced "Mary Had a Little Lamb" accompanied on the piano by Miss Walden McDougal.

### CALENDAR

September 12-13 — Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Quarterly Directors Meeting, Sweetwater

September 28 — Fall meeting, board of directors, Livestock Auction and Commission Sales Association of Texas, Wichita Falls

October 1 – Texas Aberdeen-Angus Association sponsored Calf Sale, San Angelo

October 4-19 - State Fair of Texas, Dallas

November 10-12 — Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association 37th Annual Convention, San Angelo

December 10 – Moore Bros., Morgan and Lemley, Herman Allen Registered Angus Bull Sale, San Angelo

February 4-15 – Houston Fat Stock

February 8-15 – Southwestern Livestock Show and Rodeo, El Paso February 20 – March 1 – San An-

tonio Livestock Exposition March 5-8 – 22nd Annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo

Walton Kothmann of Menard purchased a good many lambs and calves the third week in August. He paid from 18 to 19 cents for lambs and 29 to 30 cents for calves. For some extra-good stock he paid slightly higher prices. Good age ewes brought 57 to \$8 from this Menard buyer.

Some of his transactions include: 1,000 lambs from Fort Stockton and 800 at Barnhart, weighing 70 to 75 pounds, from Floyd Henderson of Ozona; 600 lambs from Schulz Perner of Ozona; 900 lambs from Gay Sicker of Menard; 700 from Crawford and Lloyd Mitchell of Rocksprings and Jack Mann of Sonora; two loads from Lee Hyde of Rocksprings; some from Volney Snodgrass of Rocksprings and 500 from Wade Tomlinson of Brady.

He has shipped about 1,000 calves most of them weighing about 400 to 475

From Bob Owen, Kothmann received 546 lambs and 558 old ewes. He also received three carloads of lambs from Hankins Bros, of Rocksprings.

Leonard Simon, manager of the San Pedro Ranch at Fort Stockton, reported recently that the ranch had some of the heaviest lambs of the season on the Fort Worth Market. The 655 head averaged better than 87 pounds. The lambs were three months

old and had been runing with their mothers on alfalfa. They brought \$28.50 cwt. which was \$2 above the market at that time.

Simon said the San Pedro Springs, from which he irrigates 900 acres, has shown a steady rise during the last three months.

Chas. Canon, San Angelo, with his son, Joe, sold to O'Bannon and Son of Artesia, New Mexico, 1,600 dry two-year old Ramboullet ewes at \$16. They were delivered in late July.

Otho Drake of San Angelo bought five or six doubles of lambs from George Montgomery of Ozona. The lambs weighed 70 pounds and brought 19 cents. They were received September 1.



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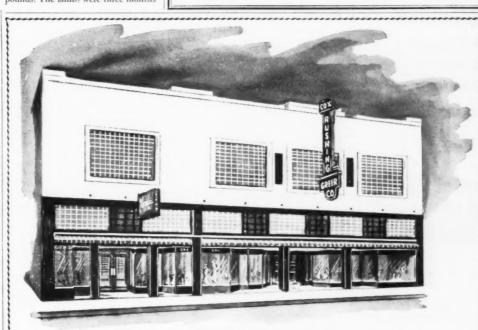
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### SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK . . .

PRICES will continue to fluctuate within a narrow range pending the outcome of certain important market developments. Some easiness may be seen when offerings of the Southern Hemisphere wool increase. However, we do not expect any sharp declines.

### LONGER-TERM OUTLOOK .

Price fluctuations during the 1952-53 clip year will be much more limited than during the previous season. We look for a moderately upward trend after the impact of heavy offerings of the new season's clip has passed. There are too many uncertain factors to permit the market to advance sharply from current levels.

### OPERATION ADVICE . .

Maintain coverage in line with our advice of recent weeks. See specific buying operations below.

Prices of wool and its products both here and abroad showed the usual seasonal quietness during the week. Offerings were small and demand was limited due to the normal in-between-season lull. Buyers, generally, are waiting to see the effects on the market of the heavy movement of the Southern Hemisphere Clip as well as any further developments in Argentine policies regarding the dis-posal of her large supplies of the animal fiber.

However, we do not believe the market will weaken markedly from current levels, although a temporary seasonal easing may take place, at which time we may recommend further accumulation of supplies. We base this conclusion on the follow-

Available supplies of raw wool in this country (detailed discussion later) as well as in other major world consuming nations are below normal and healthy levels. Buving has to expand substantially even for only normal seasonal requirements.

The recovery evidenced in this industry in the past few months should be extended at least through Spring and Summer of

An upturn in activity is overdue in other important consuming nations. Liquidation has been very extensive. The need to replenish pipelines is great.

Coverage of Spring and Summer fabric needs in this country should expand markedly beyond the next 30 days, especially if retail sales of apparel continue to show a favorable trend. Carryover of Spring and Summer goods is the smallest in some time, so that potential open-to-buy is comparatively large

There have been indications that some fairly large defense orders will be placed soon after the Labor Day holiday.

Forward operations at all levels of the industry have been of very conservative proportions, so that even a normal pick-up in business would quickly bring the market out of its current lethargic state and even stimulate competitive bidding.

Outside of South America, world supplies of wool, including carry-over and production will be below that of the 1951-52 season.

In view of the world's potential needs of the animal fiber, it is unlikely that the Peron Government will permit dumping of supplies at any price. A more logical solution would be to increase offerings as quotations strengthen and withdraw on significant declines.

It is for this reason that we cannot visualize a sharp and continued break in raw wool quotations in the next twelve months

### IMPORTS

The latest official data on imports, which are for June, emphasize the strong position in this country, and the fact that we have been maintaining a conservative policy.

Imports of raw wool during the month of June showed another sharp decline of 24% from the corresponding month of the previous year. Total imports of all raw wool during the first half of the year declined 27% from the total recorded in the first six months of 1951. This was slightly greater than 22% decline recorded in consumption of all raw wool during this same period.

Imports of tops which had been at abnormally high levels due to the subsidization by the Government of exports from Uruguay, were reduced to more normal levels after much protest by our manufacturers. Much of the support was climinated by decreasing the exchange rate which brought prices of these tops more in line with world levels. This accounts for the increase of only 13% recorded from June, 1951 to June of this year while the total for the six months was 66% larger. Latest reports are that this exchange rate will be continued at least through the end of September, suggesting that imports of tops will not expand sharply at least through that period.

Imports of varus and fabrics showed quite a sharp increase in June after running substantially behind the previous year's levels for a long time. In May imports of fabrics already increased 5% from the previous May total. This was a reflection of the pick-up in activity in this country. The six



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months' totals still are behind those of last year. Indications are that the second half of the year will probably record an increase

### DOMESTIC SUPPLY SITUATION

An analysis of the various market factor's lends emphasis to our oftreiterated conclusion that the supply factor in the statistical equation is strong, so that any normal pick-up in the demand factor will aid quotations significantly.

For example, at the outset of the current wool season in this country, the Government reports that stocks of apparel class wool were about the same as they were on the same date last year. During the first three month of the season, imports amounted to 62.9 million pounds, scoured basis, while consumption totaled 72.8 million pounds.

There should have been no question of supply, in view of the fact that this period represents the peak in our shearing season. However, offerings from the farms have not been very free. Farmers have sold only "at

a price." Reports from dealers are to the effect that a greater portion of the domestic wool will be dated earlier in the season. Many growers who had consigned their wool for further disposal, as is the usual custom, are now requesting that their wool be placed in the loan.

This would suggest even greater dependence on foreign producers. With prospects of an expansion in domestic consumption, we will have to compete more actively in foreign markets and thus support world levels.

This will be true especially in Austral-Asia, upon which we are dependent for a good portion of our apparel We wish to point out, ever, that carry-over from the 1951-52 season in Australia was moderately below that of last year, and estimates are that offerings for the 1952-53 season will be close to 100 thousand bales below those of the past season. Carry-over wool in New Zealand was sharply below that of the previous year, since at that time stocks had piled up due to a shipping strike.

- Textile Apparel Analysis

# Texas Delaine News

By Mrs. G. A. Glimp

FAIRS AND rodeos are still demanding their share of attention in the various parts of the country. It is amazing to note the many exhibits are of the same excellent quality as ever despite the dry, hot weather. Too, this is also true from the live stock department. No one would realize the hardship the stock man has endured to produce such quality animals

The Johnson City Fair held the first week-end of August was a huge success. There was a nice representation of Delaines there with results of the show as following:

Class 1 - Rams 2 years and over: A. C. Lindemann, Blanco; & W. Steubing: 3, Barney Odell, Dripping Springs.

Rams - 1 year and under 2: 1. & W. Steubing; 2, Barney Odell: 3, M. Z. Piland.

Ram Lambs: 1, A. C. Lindemann; 2 and 3, L. & W. Steubing.

Champion Ram - A. C. Linde-

Ewes -2 years and over: 1 and 3, Lindemann; 2, L. & W. Steubing.

Ewes - 1 year and under: 1, L. & W. Steubing: 2 and 3, Lindemann.

Ewe Lambs: 1 and 2, Lindemann: 3, L. & W. Steubing.

Champion Ewe - L. &. W. Steub-

Following close on heels of this was the Blanco Valley Fair. Here, too, some very fine Delaines were exhibited. Hilmer Pape of Kyle exhibited the Grand Champion Ram and L. & W. Steubing the Champion Eye.

Other results were as follows: Aged Rams: 1 and 3, Hilmer Pape: 2, L. & W. Steubing

Yearling ram: 1, Hilmer Pape; 2, Barney Odell; 3, L. & W. Steubing. Aged ewes: 1 and 3, A. C. Linde mann: 2. L. & W. Steubing.

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Yearling ewes: 1, L. & W. Steubing; 2 and 3, A. C. Lindemann.

L. & W. Steubing of San Antonio have also purchased the W. E. Grimes flock of ewes and lambs to add to their registered flock. We are very sorry to lose the Grimes' membership, but certainly wish success to the Steubings in this latest purchase. Mrs. Grimes has been quite ill from the bite of a black widow spider.

She is recuperating nicely.

The Fredericksburg Fair proved to be the best in every respect. In the Delaine department, there were more breeders and sheep than ever before. Again Lester Lohman received the placque for Champion Fine Wool Ram and Joe LeMay receiving the placque for his champion Fine Wool Ewe. Spud Tatum of Rocksprings judged the fine wool class of sheep. Several rams and ewes were sold in private transactions. David Waters sold a ram to Jim Fulton of Dripping Springs. Lester Lohman sold two rams and Ham Choat sold four rams and a ewe to Walter Furhmann and Son of Fredericksburg. There were many more choice animals, but buyers were reluctant to purchase with no more moisture than is evident in view.

Frank Kimbrough is one of the luckiest Delaine breeders we know. He sold out of rams and what ewes he planned to sell before the break in the market came. Mrs. Kimbrough has been in a Temple hospital having undergone major surgery. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Clyde Glimp recently sold some wes to E. D. Joost of Buchanan Dam. We wish much success to Mr. Joost and are always glad to welcome new members to the association.



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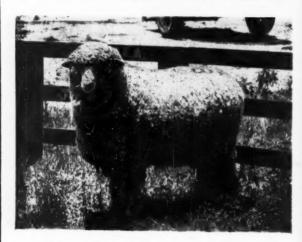
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### FLASH

AS OF September 5 contracting of ranch workers is again under way. Information from the Eagle Pass Bracero Center is that the Reception Center moved from Monterrery is now operating in Durango.

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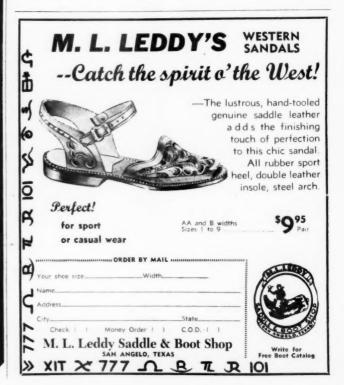
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## In Memoriam

### WILLIAM J. CALLAN

WILLIAM JOSEPH CALLAN, 69, former Menard ranchman and banker died in a San Antonio hospital August 16 following a heart attack.

August 16 following a heart attack. He was associated with the Bevans State Bank of Menard until 1919 when he moved to Fort Worth. There he was connected with the Stockyards National Bank until 1937. At that time he moved to San Antonio to join the City National Bank and Trust. He retired from that post in 1942 and continued to live in San Antonio.

Survivors include his widow of San Antonio; a son, Joe; two grand children; two sisters, Mrs. Ray Holland of Junction and Mrs. Aubrey Leveridge of East Bernard; and two brothers, Lawrence of Menard and J. G. of San Antonio.

### MRS. FLORENCE CALLAN

MRS. FLORENCE CALLAN, 89, widow of James Callan, a Menard County ranchman of the early days, died August 25 at her home in Menard.

Mrs. Callan was the former Florence Travwick.

Surviving are two sons, Jamie of Red Hill, N. M. and Houston of Eden.

### R. H. DAVIS

R. H. DAVIS, 87, retired Kimble County ranchman, died at his home near Segovia, August 27. Mr. Davis, born in Brown County, had been a Kimble County resident for 62 years. He retired about 10 years ago.

He is survived by his widow: three daughters, Mrs. Lena Busby of Fort Hood, Mrs. Margaret Busby of Lampasas and Mrs. Edith Maddux of Carlsbad. N. M.; seven sons all of Kimble County, Allen, Robert, Ellis, Howard, Jasper, Richard and Abner Davis; a sister, Mrs. Mary Knox of Ingram; three half sisters: three half brothers, 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### **CLARENCE DAVIS**

CLARENCE DAVIS, 50, formerly of San Angelo, was killed August 8 near Big Lake. Investigations are underway.

Davis was foreman of a Big Lake ranch at the time of his death. Born in San Angelo, where he attended school, Davis was the son of an early day Sterling and Edwards County ranchman. Following the ranching trade also, Clarence Davis operated some land in the state of Coahuila, Mexico from 1925 to 1947. Later he was with the foot-and-mouth disease commission in Mexico.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. E. Davis of San Angelo, a sister, Mrs. J. P. French of Brownsville; two brothers, Cecil of Uvalde and Eloy E. Davis of Mexico City.

### PASCHAL B. ODOM

PASCHAL B. ODOM, 68, former Ozona ranchman, died on August 14 in Las Vegas, New Mexico at the home of a son, Worth Odom. Mr. Odom, apparently in good health, had been visiting his son for about ten days. He was stricken suddenly with a heart attack and died within a few minutes. For the past two years he had been living in Phoenix, Arizona.

He is survived by two sons: Worth of Las Vegas and Paschal B. Odom Jr. of El Paso; a daughter, Mrs. John Cooper of El Paso; a brother, Wm. B. Odom of Maxwell, N. M.; and four sisters: Mrs. Paul Permer and Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Jr. of Ozona, Mrs. Will F. Drake of San Angelo and Mrs. Myra Estes of Austin. Seven grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren also survive.

E. E. Young, San Angelo vocational agriculture teacher, completed 25 years service in that capacity, August 6. He was honored at a banquet in Lubbock and was presented with a gold pin, August 8. He served 21 of the 25 years in San Angelo.



THE CROCKETT RILEYS

Leader of the Texas Corriedale Sheep Breeders' Association is Crockett Riley. Here is Mr. Riley, his wife, Becky, and the little one, Tina. The Rileys live on the Llano road, Willow City.

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# Sue Flanagan To Ireland On Rotary Club Scholarship



SUE TO IRELAND FOR A YEAR

MARY SUE FLANAGAN, who has been associate editor of the Sheep and Goat Raiser since October 1949, is leaving in September for Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland. Earlier this year she was chosen as one of the 111 outstanding graduate students of the nation to be awarded a Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship for advanced study abroad. She will study English language and literature in furthering her career as a journalist.

Miss Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Flanagan, was selected by a committee of Rotarians from the Dominican Republic, the United States, and Hong Kong in a Chicago meeting. Applicants for the honor represented thirty-four countries.

The San Angelo Rotary Club sponsored the application of Miss Flanagan. Her father was president of the club in 1942 and is still an active member.

Sue is a native of San Angelo, a San Angelo High School graduate and of the San Angelo College. She received her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Denver, Colorado, in 1946. Thereafter she received a photo diploma from the New York Institute of Photography. At Denver University she was listed in "Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges." She was chosen for the honor of "Pioneer" by the school yearbook staff; she was president of the University Art Club, the Prospectors Club, and vice-president of Gamma Phi Beta. She was a member of the senior women's honor group, the Mortar Board and the Delta Phi Delta, a national art fraternity. She is now a member of the American Association of University Women.

The ranch people will miss Sue Flanagan, her cheery greetings at their meeting, her willingness to help out anywhere, no matter what the job, and her friendship and association which has endeared her to all. The Sheep and Goat Raiser has been the channel through which she has directed much of her energy and it, too, will miss her keenly.

Congratulations and best wishes, Suc. The Rotary Club made a wise selection of an extremely capable person to do honor in foreign fields to the organization and to this country.

# MILLERS BUY SUFFOLK FLOCK

MICHAEL AND VAN Miller, vouthful Suffolk breeders, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, Ozona, have added to their Suffolk flock until they have probably the largest registered Suffolk flock in the state.

The purchase was of 268 head of registered Suffolk ewes from Eugene Miller. Ozona. Seven stud rams were included in the sale. The flock is an outstanding one, having been developed largely from stud ewes and rams from leading Canadian breeders.

The addition of 275 head of ewes and rams gives the Miller brothers more than 500 registered Suffolks.

Bill Volkmann, Menard, recently sold to Troy Vaughn and U. R. Rogers, Menard, 30 head of Corriedale rams. The sixteen head of registered rams brought \$40 each. Murray Burtham, Marble Falls, bought 15 head of Registered Corriedale ewes.

# TEXAS RAMBOUILLETS TO IRAN

THREE TEXAS breeders of Rambouillet sheep joined together to make what is probably the largest sale and shipment of registered Rambouillet sheep ever to leave Texas.

The breeders are V. I. and Miles Pierce of Ozona and Alpine and J. B. Miller of Ozona. The sheep were early this summer shipped to Kansas for pasturing and loaded out for Iran on August 21.

The shipment consisted of approximately 800 rams and 330 ewes. V. I. Pierce furnished 400 rams. Miles Pierce 200 rams and 30 ewes and J. B. Miller 200 rams and 300 ewes.

J. B. Miller was in Horace, Kansas the latter part of August supervising the loading of the sheep, delivering them to a United States Government official who accepted them for the Livingston Livestock Company for the Iran Government under the Point Four program.

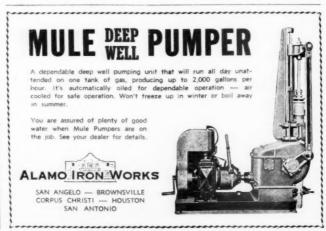
From the pastures of R. P. Lee of Leota, Kansas, Mr. Miller said the sheep were scheduled to leave by boat from Newport News, September 2. They will be unloaded in Turkey and transported, probably by rail, to Iran and then herded some 500 miles to their grazing grounds.

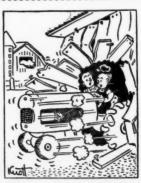
The agent for the U. S. Government was highly pleased with the consignment, declaring it to be one of the best of all livestock shipments going from this country under the Point Four program.

# TOTTS WINNER IN DOG TRIALS

A NEW comer in the Southwestern Sheep Dog Trials at Kerrville August 30, Willard Totts of Lometa, captured both the range dog and open competition. His Ben won the range dog trial, Skip the open trials. Some 13 dogs competed before a crowd of about 5,000 spectators.

M. D. Taylor is long known as the mayor of Vance and as one of the veteran goat breeders of the state. He rarely misses a meeting where goats are shown or discussed. He is a renewed subscriber in the Angora Breeder Directory. "Don't like people asking me if I've gone out of the business, so I better get back in the directory."





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